



# Indian Mountain News



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## Annual Indian Mountain Picnic

This summer IMRPD and IMPOA are putting together another festive celebration for Indian Mountain families and friends. Enjoy good food and fun at the annual Indian Mountain summer picnic on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

Where: The picnic will be held at the IM Picnic Pavilion (adjacent to the comfort station) at 1996 Chief Trail.

When: We will begin serving food at 12 noon.

What to Bring: The meat, buns, and beverages will be provided. We ask those with last names beginning with A-M to bring a side dish to share and those with names from N-Z to bring a dessert. Please make a side dish or dessert large enough to serve 10-12 people.

Parking: Parking is available behind the picnic pavilion and along Chief Trail, but please do not block any driveways. If you have special needs, leave your name and phone number and we will work to help accommodate you.

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to organize games and activities for the kids and a horseshoe tournament for the adults. If you are interested in helping out, please call either number in the RSVP box and leave your name.

### RSVP by June 18

We need to know the number of people in your group so we can order the meat and beverages. Please call 719-836-0657 or 719-836-9043, leave your name and the number in your party who will be attending. Call today!





## **IMRPD Election Results**

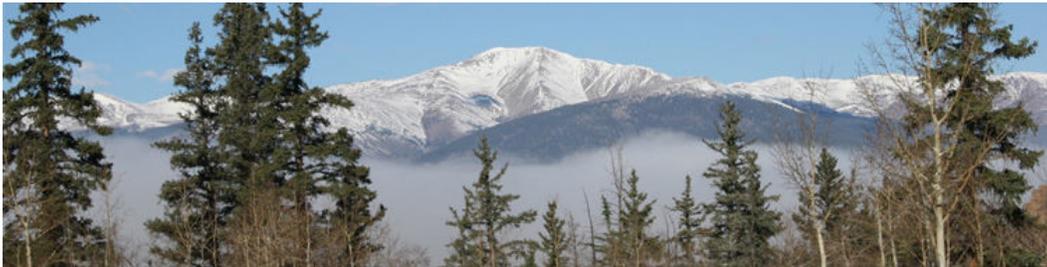
### **The Good News and Not So Good News**

The good news is twofold: First, the IMRPD Board is delighted and the IM community is very fortunate to have two excellent new Board members: Jill Campbell and Cyndi Burdick. Both Jill and Cyndi are well-qualified and willing to make the time to serve the IM community. Both new board members have a deep affection for IM and their service on the Board. Kudos to Jill and Cyndi.

Second, because there were only two candidates for the two open Board positions, the election to held on May 4, 2010, was cancelled in accordance with Section 1-5-208 (1.5), C.R.S., thereby saving upwards of \$15K of your taxpayer monies.

The not so good news is that out of a community of 2000+ property owners, only two people volunteered to serve on the Parks and Recreation District Board. Community service is fun, rewarding and very important. IMRPD is here to ensure that Indian Mountain recreation opportunities and facilities will be protected, maintained and improved now and in the future for you and your families. We hope in the future that more people will step forward to share in serving your IM neighbors and maintaining our Indian Mountain community and lifestyle.

As a reminder to our IM neighbors, the IMRPD Board meets monthly on the second Saturday from 10-12 at the IMRPD Office/Ski Lodge. We encourage community members to attend these meetings and be informed of what your Board is doing on your behalf.



### **Summer time fun activities at Indian Mountain**

Winter is finally over and Spring is here. The sled hill, snow-shoeing and cross-country trails were enjoyed by many throughout the winter months, but now it's time to look forward to warm weather fun. Here is some helpful information:

- Last year the disc golf course was expanded to 18 holes. There are loaner discs in the equipment box next to the playground at 1996 Chief Trail. The square metal key opens the box.
- The horseshoe pits have been reworked. Again, loaner shoes are in the equipment box.
- The Nature Trail System of four trails is designed for easy to moderate hiking abilities. The trail head begins just southeast of the IM Picnic Pavilion.
- The primary area of improvement this spring will be the pasture golf course (off of Albino Road). Plans are to clean up the browns, tee boxes and some of the sand traps. Weather permitting, we will have the fairways rolled to smooth out the area as well as to break up the larger weeds. There are loaner clubs and balls in the white box next to the entrance.
- The archery range, which is inside the fenced area of the golf course next to the R.V. storage lot, will be open mid-May.



## Community Center Update

The Indian Mountain Community Center is moving forward. The interior and exterior design specifications have been completed. This includes recommended materials and colors to be used in construction of Center. The final Community Center drawings will be completed in the next few weeks. We will be meeting with the head of the Park County Building Department soon as a courtesy information exchange prior to applying for the building permit. The invitation to bid will be published after these final meetings.

The application for water to HASP is in the final approval stages. We hope to have a well permit shortly. Once the well permit is issued we will contract for drilling services.

Your Board of Directors has given a lot of time and hard work to creating a Community Center that property owners see as a very positive addition to the community. We will keep you updated as to date and time of the ground breaking.



### It's Greek To Me

IMPOA has received some requests to e-mail the newsletter. Unfortunately, we have not been able to decipher everyone's handwriting. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to [dsmenco@aol.com](mailto:dsmenco@aol.com) with "Please Send Me The IMPOA Newsletter" in the subject line. Please send an e-mail even if you have already noted it on your membership renewal form.



### FIRE AWARENESS

This last winter proved to be a snowy wet season. But despite all the moisture, the ever present winds are quickly drying out the vegetation. So as the nicer weather brings more people up to Indian Mountain, 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.

1916 Forest Fire Bookmark—USFS





## **Introducing New IMPOA Board Members**

### **Fred Whitaker –Vice President**

I am a 70 year old retired manufacturing/industrial engineer from Lockheed Martin. My wife, Cynthia, and I have owned property in Indian Mountain since 1980. We completed a log cabin at 898 Warpath in 2001, doing the design and most of the work ourselves.

Indian Mountain has a reputation as one of the highest quality subdivisions in Park County and I want to work to maintain that status and our property values.

### **Paul Kucera - Secretary**

My wife and I grew up in northern Minnesota and enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and ATVing. We bought our property in December 2009 and can't wait to start enjoying the Indian Mountain area as soon as the weather warms up! My professional background is in atmospheric sciences and environmental engineering. I hope to be able to share my skills with IMPOA related to climate or environmental studies, computer- related issues, GIS mapping, and basic skills of pounding, sawing, drilling, etc.

### **Mark Bonfiglio—Member At-Large**

My wife (Kat) and I grew up in Florida and moved to Colorado after graduating from college for the change in seasons. We purchased 3 acres in 2007 on Chief trail and camped on the land over the summer. We built a cabin in 2009 after realizing we could only camp June-Sept.

Kat, Nikki (6 years old) and I live in Arvada and escape to Indian Mountain 2-3 times a month and feel that is not enough. I work for American Express and Concur Technologies as a Project Manager for corporate expense solutions. My hope is that my project management, analytical skills and background will be an asset to the IMPOA Board. Indian Mountain is a very unique community and I volunteered to be a part of the IMPOA Board because I want to be a part of its growth and development to ensure it remains the "Escape" we enjoy today.



## **Annual Dumpster & Swap**

Mark your calendars for the very popular IMPOA-sponsored Dumpster and Swap Days on August 14 & 15, Saturday and Sunday. Come early as the dumpsters fill and you can be turned away. Remember, this IMPOA service is only for IM homeowners and not contractors. Please no garbage; liquids such as oil, paint and gas; refrigerators or freezers; or burnable trees and construction wood. Burnable items should be taken to the IM burn-pit adjacent to the pasture golf course and RV storage area. Each household is limited to 2 pickup loads if space is available. In an effort to accommodate the growing number of people utilizing this service, we will now have three dumpsters-two on Saturday and an additional one on Sunday.

### **Cell Phone Service**

IMPOA has received many questions about the lack of cell phone service within Indian Mountain. It is our understanding that the new cell phone tower (owned by Comnet Wireless) has receivers for AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint. Several of the IMPOA board members have AT&T service and have noticed an improvement in service, however, all the surrounding peaks and valleys of IM can greatly effect areas of service. We have removed the map from our webpage that showed the cell phone service coverage areas within Indian Mountain, because it raised more questions than answered. Due to the variability of service, we encourage you to speak to your neighbors near you to find out what service does and does not work near your property.



## **IMPOA Annual Meeting**

The IMPOA annual meeting was once again held at the Lakewood Elks Lodge. The March 11th meeting was attended by 104 IMPOA members. By far, the most discussed issue was the change in the transmission of the newsletter. With the newsletter only being mailed to those who request it, IMPOA and the IMRPD will save a substantial amount of money every year. We are keenly aware that this is a tremendous change for everyone, and we ask for patience as well as feedback, as we all get accustomed to this new process. Additionally, we discussed other ways that IMPOA is working to come into the 21st Century: paying dues on-line and membership outreach.

The new year brings the election of three new board members, (Fred Whitaker, Vice-President; Paul Kucera, Secretary; and Mark Bonfiglio, At-Large), as well as the re-election of two at-large members, (Dennis Burke and Benjamin Lane). Other topics discussed included new IMPOA merchandise, more fence repair, the IM picnic on July 3rd picnic, and the ever popular Annual Dumpster & Swap Days, (August 14 and 15). More than ever, we look to our members to provide us with their thoughts and opinions. Thank you for your support, and another great meeting!



### **Southbound Highway 285**

Have you been wondering about the Elkhorn Road sign off of southbound 285? After receiving inquiries from Indian Mountain residents, IMPOA contacted the Colorado Department of Transportation. CDOT informed us that they have the sign all ready to install, they are just waiting for the snow to melt. Look for the new sign sometime this spring!

IMPOA is also waiting for an answer from CDOT regarding the possibility of having a turn lane from southbound 285 on to Elkhorn Road. CDOT has been very responsive with their on-line inquiry submission form. We are hopeful. Thank you CDOT!

### **PETS AT-RISK**

We all want our pets to have some freedom and enjoy the great outdoors, but it comes at a price. Last year a handful of pets were killed by wild animals or lost. It is up to each owner to keep their pets out of harms way. There is also a leash law in Colorado. It is against the law for pets just to roam free. None of us want stray animals wandering around our roads or property.

Out of respect for and the safety of your neighbors, we urge everyone to be more thoughtful with their pets. And we need to remind owners of lost pets that it is illegal to tape posters to county road signs and ask that you remove any that you have posted.

The Park County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Unit provides law enforcement and support services for animal related incidents. Contact Sergeant Bobbi Priestly, 1180 CR 16, P.O. Box 604, Fairplay, CO 80440; or call (719) 836-4380

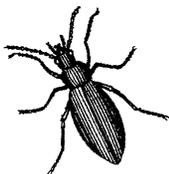


## The Beetles are Coming...

Have you driven over Hoosier Pass lately? On the western side of the Pass you see rusty, brown dead trees, millions of them. On the eastern side, in Park County you see a few dead trees near the top of the Pass. It appears the bugs are heading our way. What can we do to prevent them infesting our trees?

Spruce trees are immune to Mountain Pine beetles, but not to Ips beetles. Although infestation of this beetle is present now, there are two effective preventative treatments property owners can take, both of which are effective for Ips beetles:

- A carbaryl spray, which will prevent infestation for two years when sprayed before the beetles fly beginning in mid-July. The down side is the spray can also kill other insects and should not be used where the residue will enter a watershed. The brand sprays Sevin, Astro, and Onyx should be sprayed by professionals who have the equipment to reach and cover the trees properly.
- Pheromone (scent) bags attached to trees fool the male bugs into thinking the females — who do the damage, are already fertilized. The bags are placed in a grid pattern using 20 to 60 bags per acre. This method works for only one season per application, and works poorly in stands that are already heavily infested.



Below is a partial list of professional arborists who serve South Park:

- Lam Tree Service, Evergreen, CO. 303/674-8733, 1-800/674-8733 [www.lamtreeservice.com](http://www.lamtreeservice.com)
- Tall Timbers Tree & Shrub Service, Colorado Springs, CO. 719/528-8141 [www.talltimberstreeservice.com](http://www.talltimberstreeservice.com)
- Front Range Arborists, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO. 719/635-7459 [www.frarborists.com](http://www.frarborists.com)
- TC Lazy Spraying, Elbert, CO., Greg Cole 303/660-9662, (719) 495-8328 16680 Eastonville Road, Elbert, CO 80106
- Timberline Spraying & Services, Don Doty (719) 687-6811, 175 Elk Park Rd., Woodland Park, CO 80863-8974 (Licensed by Colo Dept. of Ag.) - also does insect control, tree fertilization, and micro-injection.
- Whit Tree Service, Jim Whitlock (719) 392-8475, 7885 Peninsula Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911— does preventive spraying
- Davey Tree & Lawn Care, Brett LeMaire (719) 638-1210, PO Box 50704, Colorado Springs, CO 80949, [www.davey.com](http://www.davey.com) - also does pruning, weed control, fertilization, disease control.
- Precision Tree & Turf, David Pratt (719) 271-5787, 1015 Spring Valley Drive, Divide, CO 80814 - also does fire mitigation, beetle control, pruning and removal, defensible space, preventative MPB spraying
- Chad Ferry, Lafayette, CO. 303/665-8418 - specializes in removal, not spray or injection.
- Jim Subler, P.O. Box 5256, Buena Vista, CO 81211, (719) 837-2870 - Large scale transplant sales
- Bob Rundo Tree Surgeon, Albert Godec, 2626 Gunnison Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, (719) 598-1645, serves Black Forest, Monument, and Calhan
- Jetco - (719) 395-8811.

Check on-line for more Tree Services. Prices depend on location and site conditions but typically run \$8 - \$15 per tree plus a minimum service fee.



## Join IMPOA

The IMPOA Board invites you to join the Indian Mountain Property Owner's Association, along with nearly 600 other residents in Indian Mountain, in order to help protect our homes, investments, and rural quality of life.

### Membership Form

Here is a **\$35.00 check** for my membership dues. I would like to join IMPOA, along with nearly 600 other residents in Indian Mountain, in order to help protect our homes, investments, and rural quality of life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Please make your \$35 check payable to IMPOA** and mail to  
Swen Hagman  
10736 N. Logan Court  
Northglenn, CO 80233  
(303-451-6145)

**NOTE:** If you would like the newsletter **e-mailed** to you, please send an e-mail to: [dsmenco@aol.com](mailto:dsmenco@aol.com) with: "Please e-mail me the IMPOA newsletter", in the subject line.

**NOTE:** If you would like the newsletter **mailed via the U.S. Postal Service** to your home, please call 719-836-0657, and leave a message stating your request with your name, address, and phone number.

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## Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District

IMRPD protects and maintains the District's parkland, recreation facilities, and hosts community events. Its functions are strictly limited, and at this time include:

- 356 acres of park lands
- Pasture golf course
- Ski lodge and recreation hall
- IM Park with trails, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes
- Comfort station and potable water
- RV dump station and storage lot
- Pond and information kiosk
- Social events

Government Entity  
Special District - State of Colorado  
Created in 1975

Mandatory property taxes paid by all IM property owners (6.94 mils)

March 2010 financial assets—\$330K

[www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info)

## Indian Mountain Property Owners Association

IMPOA informs, educates and advocates on issues of concern to IM property owners. Its functions are very broad.

- 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)
- Periodic drive-around covenant compliance check
- Dumpster and swap days
- IM apparel sales

Non-profit Association  
Federal 501(c)4 - State of Colorado  
Created in 1985

Voluntary annual dues (\$35) from willing property owners.

March 2010 financial assets = \$40K

[www.impoa.net](http://www.impoa.net)

