

# **INDIAN MOUNTAIN NEWS - Winter 2018**

**A JOINT NEWSLETTER OF  
The Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA)  
And the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District (IMMD)**



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## **INDIAN MOUNTAIN HISTORY PROJECT**

The IMPOA and IMMD boards recently encouraged the writing of an Indian Mountain History. Some aspects of our history are available on the IMPOA website, but few. Other parts of our history come up at board or community meetings, and sometimes in disagreements among neighbors. Invariably, there are different points of view in such discussions and, especially for newcomers, lively interest in “how things got this way.” Roger Mattson has agreed to coordinate the effort to write an Indian Mountain History. He needs 10 or 12 people to volunteer to help. The assignments will range from research into selected topics, to drafting of historical accounts of those topics, to serving on an editorial board to ensure consistent editorial style in the final prod-

uct and to settle any differences of opinion on “how things got this way.” Some of the ideas for subjects that might become chapters of the history include the names of the developers of Indian Mountain, the land transactions that led to the current community, water augmentation, wildfire mitigation including the burn pit, the Community Centers (old and new), Indian Mountain Park, the disk golf course, the ski area, the Ski Lodge, the Metropolitan District, IMPOA, distinguished Indian Mountaineers (Julian Dracon, Carl and Carmen Neu, Rosemary Young, Hugh Hudson, Swen Hagman, Gary & Joy Minke, Fred and Cyndi Burdick, Jim Campbell, etc.), camping in IM, covenant enforcement in IM, pasture golf, roads in IM, flora and fauna of IM, etc. Readers and volunteers may have other subjects to suggest. The idea behind each chapter would be to tell how each of these topic areas started out, what changed over time, and why we do things the way we do them today. If there is prospect for change in any of the topics, that too will be worth describing. In the end, if enough people take part, we can probably self-publish a handsome paperback whose sales would serve as a legacy for those who went before, a source of good information about the “code of the hills” for new owners, and some modest proceeds to support community activities. This is a great volunteer activity, especially for us old timers who are past the age of fence mending and tree cutting. So, first off, who wants to help? Email Roger at [rdmattson@comcast.net](mailto:rdmattson@comcast.net) to volunteer and to discuss assignment opportunities. Author: Roger Mattson



## GENERAL REMINDERS

Current hours at the Community Center are: Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Center is open for use during these hours, and there is free WI-FI access, TV/DVD viewing, pool table, games and books. Please drop by and make yourself comfortable. You can also pick up your Burn Pit pass or comfort station/RV dump keys and register your RV for storage. If you have questions call the office 719-836-9043 or email [indianmntn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmntn@hotmail.com). Author: Samantha Bertin

## **IMPOA WASSUP**

2017 was a significant year for IMPOA. Not surprisingly, a lot of effort went into supporting the IMMD Water Service Program. It may not be obvious, but several members of the IMPOA board have been involved in helping the WSP get off the ground by offering database development and analysis, technical support for metering, financial guidance, etc. Perhaps most important, IMPOA has formally committed \$60,000 of its assets to the WSP to help with the purchase of water from HASP. This donation was important to securing the Park County Land and Water Trust Fund financing to enable IMMD to buy water in perpetuity for Indian Mountain. Thankfully, we are no longer paying for water-related legal costs, as that chapter ends.

IMPOA received no reports of cattle entering Indian Mountain this year. While this is due in part to the adjacent ranchers' herd management practices, IMPOA's work to repair and replace our perimeter fencing has certainly played a big role. IMPOA board members and other volunteers repaired the fences on the north and west boundaries of Indian Mountain. Much of this work occurred in earlier years, so breaches in the fence this past year were quickly repaired. Major stretches of the fence were inspected as well. While we occasionally hear of what appear to be cut strands, much of the repair is driven by trees falling on the wire and cattle or wildlife knocking it down. Fence maintenance is a "forever" task, not a one-time project. IMPOA has plans to install more cattle guards across roads that enter the community from the south, but these are expensive and we are deferring that for now to conserve funds for our WSP commitment. It is important that we keep the fences in good shape, so if you find any damage, please call Larry Siverson at 719-836-1771 and report it so we can make repairs. Please do not alter or add gates to these fences.

Authors: Dennis McQuillan & Larry Siverson

Once again, we managed to fill two 30-cubic-yard dumpsters during our Dumpster Day, and many more items went to metal recycling during the cleanup drive in July. It is amazing how "stuff" seems to accumulate at our cabins and homes, but it is very real! Getting rid of large items is a challenge in the mountains and this IMPOA-sponsored event is always a popular one. Although getting dumpsters in place may seem simple, the planning for this starts in early spring and over \$2000 of your dues money and many volunteer hours go into this function each year.

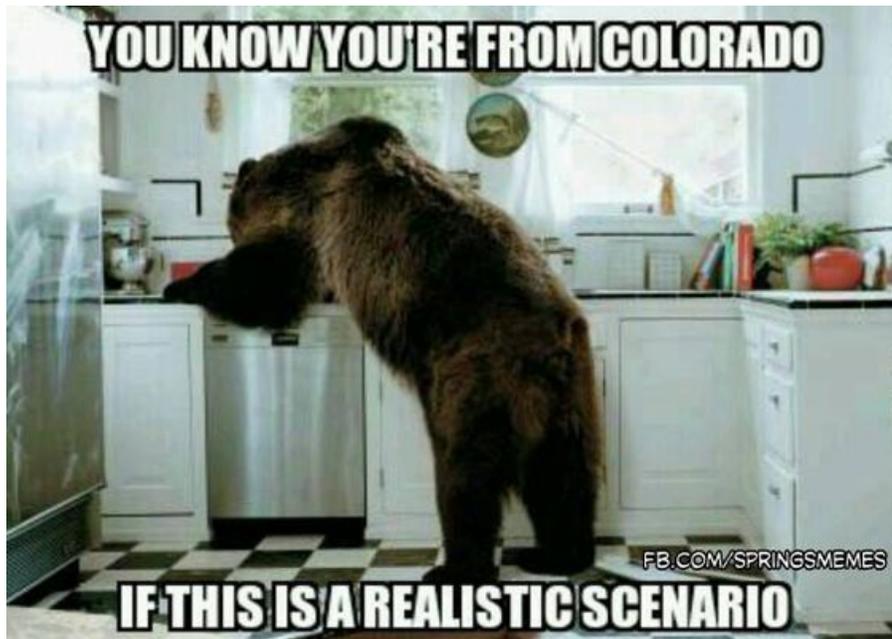
Author: Dennis McQuillan

## **COUNTY CONTACT FOR ROAD COMPLAINTS**

Road conditions are an ongoing problem in Indian Mountain. We can only get the County to take better care of them by letting them know where the problems are. They tell us that driving too fast on our roads is the main cause of the washboard condition; so, slowing down to the posted speed limit (25 miles per hour) may help keep the roads from becoming rough so soon after grading. If you see problems in your area, please call the County Road and Bridge Department at 719-836-4277. Give them a detailed explanation of where the problem is, and, if experience is a teacher, they will address it. In addition, slow down and enjoy the reasons you live and visit up here, to spend time in the peace and quiet, nature, wild life and scenery. IMPOA has made progress on getting speed limit signs added and has replaced many street signs. If, in your travels around the area, you notice faded or worn signs, please call Larry Siverson at 719-836-1771 so we can make a list and order new ones. IMPOA pays for the signs and the county installs them.

Our first responders rely on street signs and address signs to find their way to emergencies. Thus, the condition of signs is important to us all. To register your thoughts about road conditions in

general, we suggest that you contact Park County Public Works or our District 3 County Commissioner Mark Dowaliby. For contact info see <http://www.parkco.us/87/Public-Works> or <http://www.parkco.us/174/County-Commissioners>. Author: Larry Siverson



## **IMMD BOARD ELECTIONS**

**NOMINATIONS:** The Indian Mountain Metropolitan District announces that a community-wide election will be held to fill four board vacancies in 2018. Since the District is a political subdivision of the State, there are formal rules and processes to follow. Only property owners are eligible to serve on the board. For those who seek to serve, the first step is to file a self-nomination form with Samantha Bertin, the DEO (Designated Election Official), between January 1 and the close of business on March 2, at 1:00 p.m. You can Email a self-nomination form to Samantha at [indianmtn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmtn@hotmail.com) or deliver it to the IM Community Center on Keneu Court. The DEO will review the nominations based upon the State's Special District election rules to ensure candidates may run for office. Along with the nomination forms, nominees are required to submit a short, concise profile of their professional background, experience and skills that may benefit the District, and an explanation of why service to the District is important to them. The DEO will compile the individual profiles into an IMMD Election Profile and post it for easy public review. If there are more than four qualified nominations, the District election will occur on May 8, 2018. More election details will be forthcoming. Please contact Samantha at 719-836-9043 if you have questions.

Board service is important, rewarding and hard work. There is no payment for service except for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the District. Board members are expected to actively take part in monthly board meetings, review various documents and drafts in preparation for Board meetings, take part in occasional study sessions, help in development of newsletter and website information, lead or serve on one or more board committees, and participate in District-sponsored functions. The expectation is that each Board member will place the best interests of the Indian Mountain community over and above any self-interest they may have. The Board encourages interested property owners considering serving on the Board to review the minutes and newsletters on the IMMD website, attend a regular Board meeting, review the annual budgets, and talk with the current or past IMMD Board members. Author: Samantha Bertin

## **LODGE AND COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS**

The Lodge and the Community Center book up fast, so if you or your family need to rent either facility you should go to [www.indianmountain.info](http://www.indianmountain.info), find the events calendar/lodge tab, and check availability. Then you can place your reservation with the business manager as soon as possible. Call 719-836-9043. Author: Samantha Bertin

## **WATER SERVICE PLAN UPDATE**

The IM WSP pieces are falling into place but never as fast as we would like. For the past year we have projected that the Indian Mountain Water Service Program would launch on January 1, 2018. IMMD has taken all the steps necessary and has met its timetable towards this goal, but HASP has been dealing with the Colorado Water Conservation Board and deciding in which of HASP's two augmentation plans to place the IM WSP. This unanticipated delay is disappointing, but not a deal breaker. Meanwhile, we are moving forward with other aspects of the IM WSP.

As this Newsletter goes to press, HASP has resolved the question of which of its augmentation plans to use for the IM WSP. So IMMD soon will buy the 9.7-acre-feet of water needed for the first 362 participants in the program. IMMD will also send the names of the 362 property owners, and their well permit numbers, to the Colorado Division of Water Resources and Water Court for action. We hope to complete the first water purchase as early as February followed by administrative actions by DWR and the Court to transfer our wells from Bar Star to IM WSP. We will keep the IM WSP participants posted on this important progress.

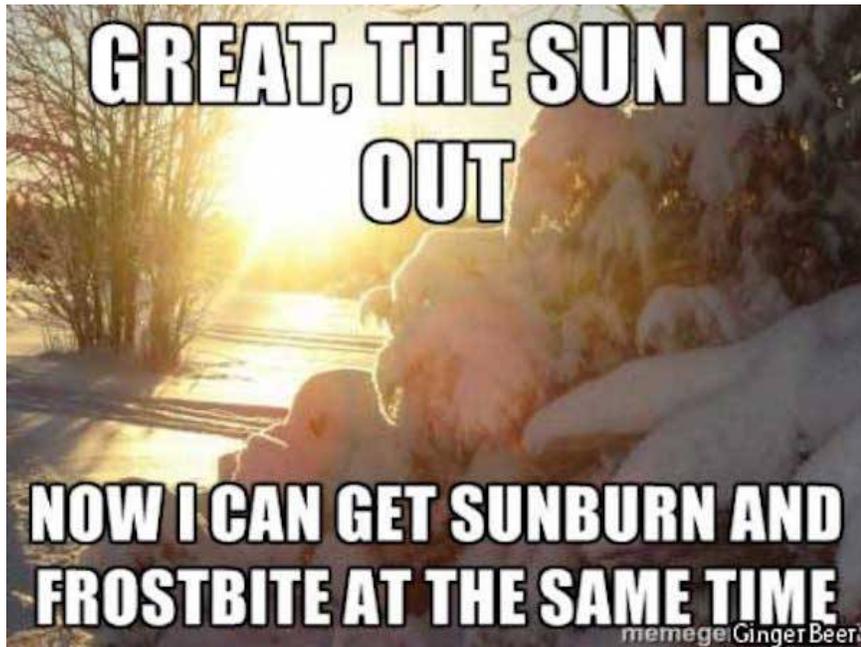
Towards the end of January, IM WSP participants will receive two reminders from Samantha Bertin (IM WSP coordinator) about logging on to the IMMD website and sending their water meter readings. This will be the first "real" water meter reading so attention to the matter is important. If some participants have not been at their residence recently, they should enter a reading they think is a good estimate and then later enter an actual and more exact reading.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Samantha at 719-836-9043 or [indianmntn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmntn@hotmail.com). Samantha is a part-time IMMD Business Manager and works Wednesday to Saturday, so please be patient if you do not hear back right away. Author: Glenn Haas

## **IMMD BOARD CHANGES**

At the board's November meeting, IMMD President Susan Stoval reported that Louise Mark had resigned from the board for personal reasons. Susan gave credit to Louise for her hard work and dedication to the community. The board expressed gratitude for her service, as did many guests at the meeting. IMMD Director Glenn Haas suggested that start-up of the WSP will take considerable time and effort and that there may still be lingering water acquisition questions. He reported that Roger Mattson had the history, background, experience, contacts at HASP and the County, and available time to support the board in this critical period. On Glenn's motion, the board appointed Roger to fill the last four months of Louise's term on the board.

At its December meeting, the IMMD board approved the cessation of all Board stipend/compensation, effective at once, but retained the expectation for reimbursement of real and reasonable expenses incurred as part of board service. Author: Susan Stoval



### **NEXTDOOR.COM versus IMPOA.NET – WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?**

Owners often ask about the differences between the two websites IMPOA.net and Nextdoor.com. There are a lot of differences, but, there are also some similarities. So, I thought I would try to explain and clarify at the same time. First, a little background. Some of you may know me as the Lead on NextDoor.com for Indian Mountain and a few of our neighbors. I assumed this position last year from Maria Benetti when she and her husband were in a serious car accident. She heard I was a bit “techy” so she asked if I would help her deal with the bind she was in. Anxious to help, I accepted the volunteer role. *It has been a learning experience ever since.* 😊

Nevertheless, I plunged ahead with my volunteering. My wife and I fell in love with IM a couple years ago and were lucky enough to build a home here last year with the intention of one day retiring here (hopefully sooner than later). Our goal is to have a place that we can share with our kids now to teach the beauty of nature and to pass on to their kids for many years to come. This was a serious commitment, and I wanted to make sure I was not just talking about changes or improvements for IM, but instead, doing something. So, I ran for the open seat on the IMPOA board last Fall and was lucky to be chosen. *It has been a learning experience ever since.* 😊

So, back to the original question, what is the difference between the two websites? The good news is that they both serve our community, but they differ in how they go about doing so.

Let’s start with IMPOA.net. The IMPOA board sponsors that website. The board is a group of dedicated individuals, who, like each of us, wants the best for the community. So much so, that they are willing to volunteer their time to listen to issues, balance budgets and play mediator between the community and government entities or others who might not have the best interest of IM in mind. IMPOA members and directors work to find as many solutions to issues faced by the community as they fiscally and responsibly can for the greater good.

If you are new to IM, then you may not be aware of all that is available for IMPOA members. I “highly” encourage you to look at the IMPOA.net site on your computer and explore ALL the links. The IMPOA organization is the conduit for community changes based on your voices. To get your voice heard, please attend the Board meeting on the second Saturday of each month.

The IMPOA board meeting is the place where you can share your concerns with your neighbors, so they too can weigh in on that concern. But remember, it is a democracy, and IMPOA enjoys the diversity of opinion that makes it a democracy. The meetings are a place to have civil conversations and to exchange facts. And most importantly, to reason together for the greater good of the IM community. But, board members cannot do it alone, they need volunteers...lots of them! You can volunteer at a board meeting or fill out a volunteer form on [IMPOA.net](http://IMPOA.net).

Now, pivot to Nextdoor.com. It is a real-time, communication forum for anyone in a designated neighborhood to share “neighborly” information. At its core, it is the new version of sidewalk conversations and flyers in mailboxes, where neighbors can share information on local events, make recommendations, advertise items for sale, promote security and safety, ask for help (lost pets, in search of, neighborhood info, etc.). However, it is not a place for grandstanding, pushing political views, or negative opinionating. We can save those emotions for social media sites like Facebook, Instagram or Twitter where people can choose to follow you or not. Nextdoor is an online community bulletin board, not a place to argue points of view.

Having made these comparisons, we can start to see similarities between the two sites. Both can help us improve our community. [IMPOA.net](http://IMPOA.net) offers a place (Email address) for anyone to weigh in on our Property Owner Association (POA) issues that need formal signoff and typically some financial funds. It offers a “common” place to go to find helpful hints and historical information. It is not real-time. It is formal. On the other hand, [NextDoor.com](http://NextDoor.com) is a real-time communication tool where we can help each other as neighbors or remind folks of what is needed. Believe me, we can even use it to share what is happening with the IMPOA board and for pointing folks back to board minutes, breaking news items, and decisions posted on the IMPOA.net site. However, to get action taken, one must come in person to the IMPOA board meetings AND be willing to help solve the issues that owners raise. While IMPOA’s dues are optional, if you want to vote on the issues or participate in events such as Dumpster Day, you need to be a dues-paying member.

I hope this information is useful. I THANK everyone for their passion in helping IM be great! If you are not part of [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) today, just go online and complete the application. You will need to prove you live in the IM community. Part-time is fine, if Park County Records show you have ownership. Likewise, if you are not familiar with IMPOA, please come learn more at one of our meetings on the second Saturday of each month at the IM Community Center (corner of Arrowhead and Keneu Court, near Chief Trail and Arrowhead). Author: Greg Bland

Here is what you first see on the first page of [www.IMPOA.net](http://www.IMPOA.net).



The Indian Mountain Property Owners Association (IMPOA) acts, informs, educates and advocates on issues of concern to property owners to maintain the quality of life in Indian Mountain. IMPOA is a voluntary organization of all Indian Mountain property owners. It is a nonprofit corporation registered in 1985 in the State of Colorado and governed by Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. IMPOA enjoys 501 (c)4 status under Federal IRS rules. A three to seven-member elected board of directors manages IMPOA. All property owners benefit from the services and activities provided by IMPOA, but only dues-paying members may vote and participate in the governance functions of IMPOA.

The IMPOA dues are currently \$45 per year, renewable at the start of the fiscal year on the first of September. There have been nearly 800 dues-paying members in each of the past two years. Dues-paying members get one vote per member and they need pay dues only once per year no matter how many lots they own.

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- Coordinating wildfire mitigation. Since 2013, IMPOA has coordinated more than \$110,000 of forest treatments in Indian Mountain, including grants from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, matched with cash and in-kind labor from property owners.
- Assisting IMMD to ensure reliability and continuity of augmentation for the water wells in Indian Mountain;
- Assisting property owners in complying with building, zoning, fire protection and public health regulations;
- Teaming with IMMD in publishing newsletters;
- Maintaining lists of dues-paying members and property owners;
- Collaboration with IMMD in recreational activities;
- Liaison with Park County officials;
- Speaking for the community before governmental entities on matters that affect the community, such as water resources and land use regulations;
- Funding materials for street signs installed by Park County;
- Sponsoring an annual Dumpster Day to help control trash in the community;
- Promoting activities that improve the sustainability of our community; and
- Maintaining fences where feasible, separating us from cattle grazing operations.

IMPOA's fund raising activities include the sale of merchandise with Indian Mountain logos.

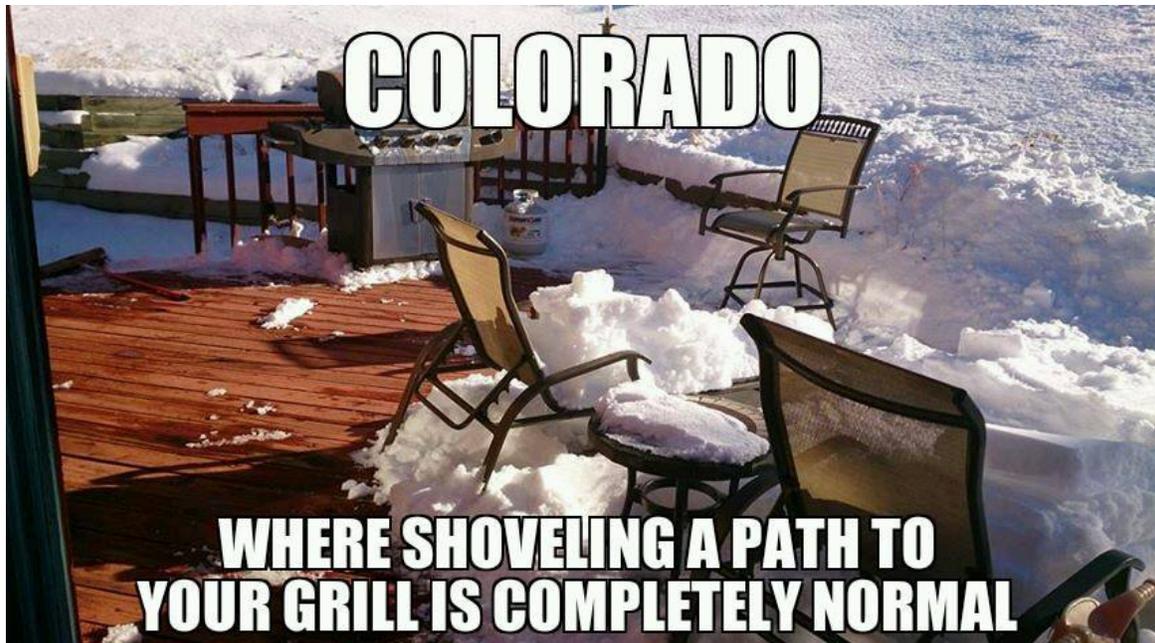
And here are some things you can volunteer to do to contribute to the community.

Some general opportunities to serve the community and in which help will always be appreciated are the following:

- Wildfire protection, either in the field or in planning,
- Burn pit monitors,
- Adopt-a-road,
- Write a story for the newsletter or website,
- Signage maintenance,
- Annual snail mailing (USPS) to all owners,
- Coordination with nearby subdivisions,
- Water supply,
- Sustainability,
- Maintenance of district facilities,
- Office work,
- Control of invasive species,
- Service on the boards (IMMD or IMPOA)
- Service on board committees

Besides volunteers, we are always looking for suggestions to improve the property values and quality of life in Indian Mountain. Let us hear your suggestions.

You can go to the "[Contact Us](#)" link in the left navigation panel of this website and use the web form to send us your feedback or sign-up for volunteer opportunities.



## **VANDALISM AT THE COMFORT STATION**

Someone vandalized the Comfort Station in late November. It appeared that the vandal used a crowbar to open the locked closet inside the building. Nothing of great value was in the closet, but the vandals took a few household cleaning items. IMMD reported the situation to the Park County Sheriff's office, and a deputy came to the site to take a report. The act was apparently the work of a property owner since only property owners have keys and the outside door was intact.

The IMMD board had recently decided to pay to clean the Comfort Station every week because biweekly cleaning was not adequate. Upon further inquiry after the vandalism, IMMD learned from the key card system that only five owners had been using the facility in November, some of those several times a day and sometimes for several hours. Such use is beyond the purpose of the Comfort Station. It is to serve part time campers, owners with houses under construction and owners who come to Indian Mountain Park to enjoy its various recreational activities.

The board has contacted all the people who used the Comfort Station in November and asked for their help in guarding against and reporting future vandalism. At its January meeting, the board considered several alternatives for further action, including the following:

- Closing the Comfort Station for the winter months,
- Installing a web-based security system,
- Increasing personal observation of the facility by interested property owners, and
- Logging and monitoring usage of the building by the key card system to allow positive identification of any future vandals for referral to law enforcement.

After discussion of the alternatives, the board approved closing the Comfort Station from February 1 for the time needed to complete needed repairs and upgrades. After the meeting, the board members talked by phone and decided to not close the Comfort Station on February 1 but to discuss the path forward again at its February meeting. Author: Roger Mattson



### **HAVE YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF IMPOA?**

Please consider joining 500 other Indian Mountain property owners as members of IMPOA for 2018. The voluntary dues are just \$45 for the year. The membership year is September 1 through August 31 so there is still time! Check out the “Membership” tab on the home page of IMPOA’s website ([www.impoa.net](http://www.impoa.net)). You can print the form and mail it and your check to the address listed on the form or you can use PayPal. The information is on the website.

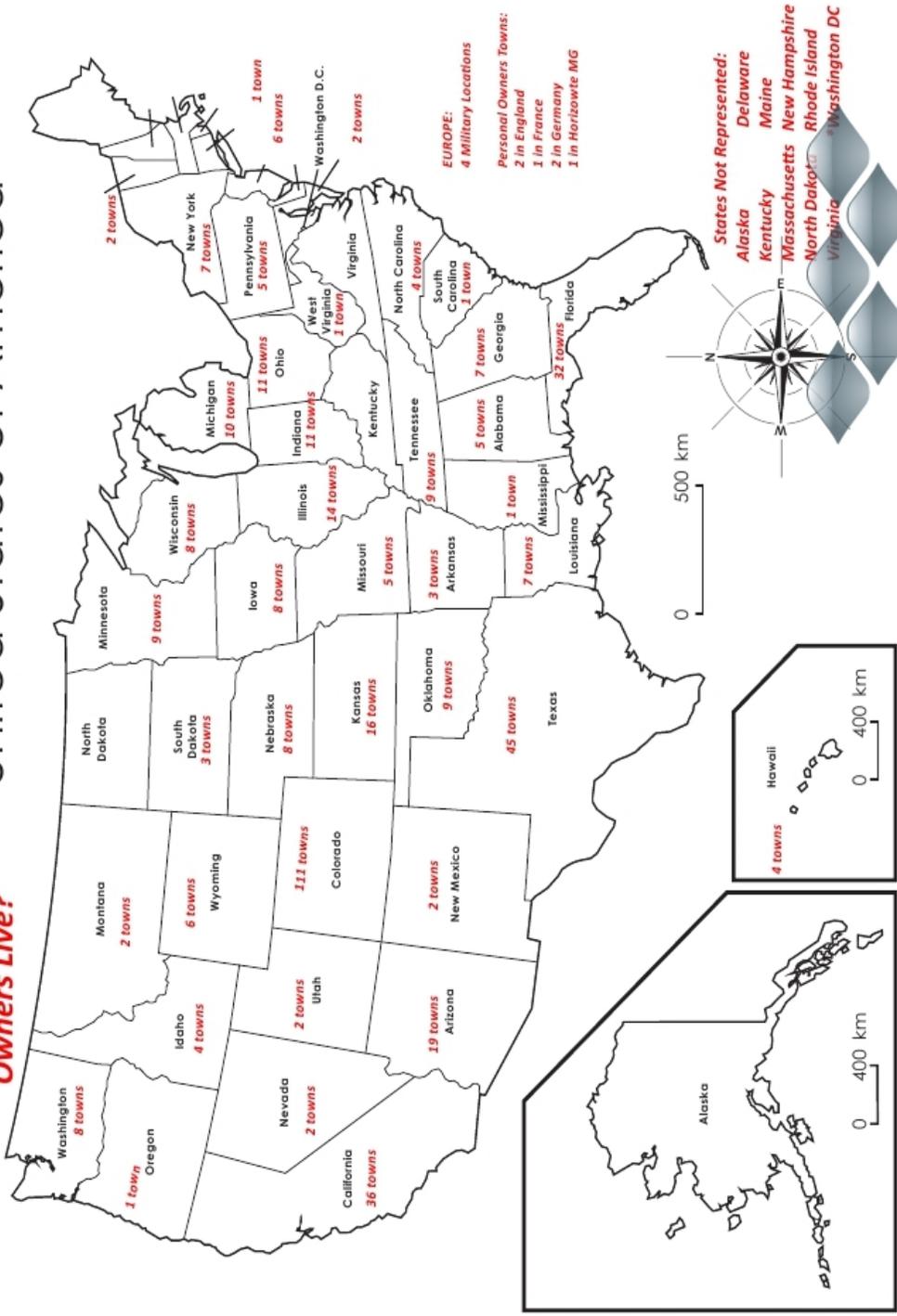
This year, IMPOA membership divides almost evenly between property owners with a residence (55%) and those without (45%). If viewed from the perspective of all IM owners, 41% of the 709 residences in Indian Mountain are IMPOA members; of the 1245 other Indian Mountain property owners, 19% are members. The map on the following page illustrates that Indian Mountain property owners come from 41 of the 50 United States. Author: Marcia Logan

### **WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND IMMD’S BURN PIT**

Now that winter is here, and fire danger is down, it is a good time for property owners to take stock of wildfire preparedness and plan for improvements when spring returns. The highest categories of wildfire preparations are: (1) fire fighter safety – make room for first responders to get in and out of your property without harm; (2) good access and escape routes for the property owners; and (3) ensuring minimal expenditure of fire-fighting resources to protect structures by creating adequate defensible space and good management of fuels (propane, firewood, etc.). A good Firewise strategy is to keep flames from touching the house and attachments, such as wood fences. Owners should keep mulch, pine needles, and grass away from the house, fence and deck. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) on [www.IMPOA.net](http://www.IMPOA.net) discusses these matters and more. Money you spend on wildfire mitigation may be deductible on your Colorado income taxes – ask your tax advisor. Also, you may get credit on your fire insurance rates if you have prepared defensible space and if you tell your agent that we have an approved CWPP and the National Fire Protection Association has certified us as a Firewise Community for seven consecutive years. Finally, your plans for wildfire mitigation next summer should include using and supporting the IMMD burn pit for the slash you generate in reducing fuel around your home. Announcements of the opening of the pit in the spring and a request for volunteers to oversee its operation will be forthcoming later this winter. Author: Roger Mattson

**Where Do INDIAN MOUNTAIN Owners Live?**

**United States of America**



**EUROPE:**  
4 Military Locations

**Personal Owners Towns:**  
2 in England  
1 in France  
2 in Germany  
1 in Horisowte MG

**States Not Represented:**  
Alaska  
Kentucky  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
North Dakota  
Rhode Island  
Virginia  
Washington DC



## **ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS & LAND USE REGULATIONS**

After receiving multiple complaints, IMPOA tried to get a derelict camper removed. Complications arose, then the snows came, so it will spend the winter illegally parked. If you do not have success in reaching out to your neighbors to correct such situations, IMPOA can help its members with contacting lot owners of record and with filing complaints with the county. In recent years, IMPOA has kept a relatively “hands off” approach to covenant and LUR violations due to its limited enforcement authority and a strong preference that neighbors discuss and resolve such issues among themselves. However, the IMPOA board has seen more abandoned campers and greater trash accumulation, and several owners have asked us to help. Accordingly, the IMPOA board is developing an updated procedure to take a more proactive role in finding non-compliances, notifying owners, and, if necessary filing complaints with Park County to sustain the quality of our community. This is consistent with our purpose as listed in our Articles of Incorporation, and we now feel we need to be more engaged to help where we can. Author: Dennis McQuillan

## **NEW SIGNS FOR INDIAN MOUNTAIN PARK NATURE TRAILS**

The Indian Mountain nature trails have been an incredible resource for property owners to enjoy for many years. Built by volunteers, with the aid of the Conservation Trust Fund, they take the explorer on an adventure into the backcountry of Indian Mountain, even up to the peak at 10,368 feet in elevation. There are shorter loops for those less inclined for a rigorous workout, but there is something for everyone to enjoy.



The IMMD originally erected signs for the trails bearing the names of wildlife that one can, on occasion, see in the area: rabbit, deer, coyote, elk, and eagle. The wooden, hand-made signs directed hikers along the various paths. Time and the environment have taken their toll on those vintage signs, and some have even gone missing. IMMD must now replace them all. The board decided to replace the wooden signs with some made of sturdier material – a composite decking material that will last for many years. With this new materi-

al, it is very difficult to reproduce the traditional animal likenesses, so the rabbit and other animals will become simpler trail designations, such as Trail A, Trail B, etc. Perhaps these names are not as quaint or endearing as the original names, but they will function just as well. I will build the new signs during the winter and place them along the trail in the spring. We will also make new maps to guide hikers along the trails using the new names. Hopefully, the improved visibility and sustainability of the new signs will be a fair trade-off for the picturesque signs that graced Indian Mountain over the past decades. Want to take a hike? Want to help place signs? Give me a call 303-683-9812. Author: Tom Odle

### **2017 IMPOA FINANCIAL AUDIT**

On November 11, 2017, IMPOA Directors Roger Mattson and Jim Scherrer and Indian Mountain Property Owner Jeff Mason audited the financial records of IMPOA for FY 2017 (September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017). IMPOA Treasurer Karen Goodman presented the records for audit. The audit team verified that the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses compiled for August 31, 2017 match corresponding figures noted in the bank reconciliations, bank statements and financial statements and accurately reflect the financial condition of IMPOA for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017. The IMPOA board posted the audit team's full report on [www.IMPOA.net](http://www.IMPOA.net). Author: Roger Mattson

### **GREEN ADDRESS SIGNS**

Green, reflective address signs help first responders find their way around the maze of Indian Mountain roads to emergencies in the community. Even if they are not coming to your property, seeing multiple address signs on a road helps our first responders verify that they are heading in the right direction. In addition, those reflective green and white house number signs are by far the best way for guests and delivery personnel to find your address, day or night.

Sometimes, when the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District (JCFPD) responded to calls for help at camping sites and cabins, it had a difficult time finding the emergency because of the lack of address signs. The JCFPD folks also tell us that they sometimes get wrong street names and must hunt for a reported emergency. When calling in, say the full correct address, and tell the road names of the nearest intersection to your emergency, this helps them pinpoint where you are and helps with road name confusion in Indian Mountain created by different roads having similar names. For example, in one area we have Teton Trail, Teton Way, Teton Court, and Teton Drive, and they spread out across over a mile of winding roads. Similar situations occur in many areas of Indian Mountain, and first responders need to know exactly where they are going to reach you promptly.

You can buy the standardized green and white reflective address sign from JCFPD for only \$10, which simply reimburses their cost. You can order them in either vertical or horizontal format, and they are double sided. Contact the Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District directly to order yours and do yourself and our whole community a favor. The order form for address signs is available for download on their website [www.jcfpd.org](http://www.jcfpd.org) under the "Forms" menu item or you can always call them at 719-836-2082 between 7:00 am and 5:00 p.m., seven days a week to start the process. We have attached a copy of the form, below for your convenience. Author: Jim Scherrer

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