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County to Appoint New Board Member

On March 19th Bill Eisele resigned from the Indian Hills GID board of trustees. He would like to spend more time with his family and travel as much as possible. Bill served on the Indian Hills GID board of trustees from January 1st, 2007 until March 19th, 2009. Bill most recently served as the Secretary/Treasurer. Everyone at Indian Hills GID would like to thank Bill for all his hard work and dedication while serving on the board of trustees.

At the April 13th board meeting the IHGID board members voted to fill the vacant seat. There are four candidates and all ended up with 2 votes. The Douglas County Commissioners have decided to advertise the position in the paper again. We will have an update in the next newsletter which will be published at the end of July. For further information on this matter please contact the IHGID office at 267-2805.

Notice of Public Hearing:

Indian Hills GID will be having a public hearing at the board meeting on Thursday May 21, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the IHGID boardroom. The board of trustees will hold this hearing to consider adoption of a resolution amending the current sewer service rate flat fee charged by the district. The current fees for sewer service have been unchanged since 2007; costs of operating the sewer system have risen considerably. The board is considering action to increase the monthly sewer charge of \$23.54 (flat rate) to \$28.69 (flat rate) a month for residential customers. Commercial establishments will be charged a flat rate of \$28.69 per EDU per month for sewer service. Also on May 21st, 2009 there will be a public hearing for the 2009-2010 tentative budget followed by the regular monthly board meeting. Please direct questions to the district office at 267-2805.

Forest Service Improves Wildlife Habitat

The Forest Service recently completed the first phase of a 300-acre fuels reduction and wildlife improvement project in the Jacks Valley Wildlife Management area South of Carson City. The Wildlife area is managed by the Forest Service and the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The Jack's Valley Management Area is an increasingly important winter refuge for deer along the Carson Front, which is challenged by urban development and wildfires. The area is composed primarily of dense stands of bitterbrush and sagebrush; both are important forage cover for mule deer. To improve habitat for deer, small interior sections of brush were thinned throughout the Wildlife area. "The area's vegetation has grown old and lost a lot of the nutritional value that mule deer depend upon during winter months," said

Maureen Easton Carson Ranger District Wildlife Biologist. Jacks Valley is considered critical mule deer habitat. Cheatgrass prevention was addressed by seeding the areas with native grasses prior to brush removal. Local residents and Mule deer foundation members helped hand-seed these areas last fall. The Forest Service is asking citizens to follow the temporary traffic closures to allow the grasses to grow, as well as to reduce disturbance to mule deer. Mule deer exert more energy to retreat from vehicles; This increases their stress during the cold winter months. Project work will resume this spring and will include: Tilling and seeding approximately 20 acres of compacted soil, reinforcing closure areas by replacing fences and gates and placing barriers in areas where illegal use is occurring.

The Jacks Valley Wildlife Management area is currently closed to motorized use from November 1 through April 30 of each year to protect wintering mule deer. A temporary, year-round closure order to motorized vehicles will be in effect beginning May 1st. For more information on this release please contact Maureen Easton or Steve Howell with the Forest Service at 775-882-2766.



From the General Manager's Desk

Outside watering restrictions:

ALL WATERING IS RESTRICTED BETWEEN 12:00 NOON AND 4:00P.M. Penalties and fines for violations will be imposed. 1st violation is an oral or written warning, 2nd violation is a warning by certified mail and the 3rd violation is water will be shut off and a \$50.00 fine. Waste of any kind is prohibited at all times.



2009 Easter Egg Hunt!

REMINDER: BILLS ARE DUE ON THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF EACH MONTH NO LATER THAN 4:00PM. THE DROP BOX IS CHECKED PROMPTLY AT 4:00 IF YOUR PAYMENT IS NOT THERE YOU WILL GET A LATE CHARGE.



Some of the residents of Indian Hills are very concerned about the water they are using and the level of Arsenic it contains. Your concerns are understood by the staff at the Indian Hills GID. The maximum Arsenic contamination level was established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency taking the level down from .050mg/L to .010mg/L. This has put every utility organization under pressure to come up with a solution of how to meet the new mandate. For a small district that provides water to nearly 1900 customers

this has become a very hard and drawn out process. The district is looking at two different solutions, a pipeline that is coming up from Minden that the county might be putting in or Indian Hills GID doing some type of filtration system at the water treatment plant. Either way there is a cost involved and yes this is a cost that would be passed down to the District water users. It seems that when our government makes mandates that they would also help out with solutions or help out with the associated costs to meet

the requirements. We continue to work diligently on this project to come up with the best possible solution and will keep everyone updated on the progress. Our 2009 Easter Egg Hunt was bigger than ever, more than 300 people turned out for the event in James Lee Park! A letter to the editor in the Nevada Appeal mentioned our hunt but stated that IHGID had given out rotten eggs. All of our residents who attended know that we always stuff our plastic eggs with candy, there must have been another Egg hunt in Indian Hills that had rotten eggs, but it wasn't your IHGID!

IHGID Events Update & News

IHGID and 702 Skate shop will be hosting a Skate board competition on Saturday May 16th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Age groups are as follows: 8 & under, 9-11 and 12-13 will be competing in the 10:00am – 12:00pm session, 14-15 and 16 & up will be competing in the 1:00pm – 4:00pm session. There is a \$5.00 participation fee; you can sign up at the 702 skate shop next to Best Buy. For more information please call 775-267-3831. Why have a family yard sale when you could be part of a **Community Yard Sale!**

We will be starting off the summer right with our annual summer kick-off and yard sale on June 20th. Yard sale will begin at 6:00a.m.; all residents are welcome to participate. The space fee is \$5.00 and all items to be sold must be verified prior to June 20th. You can sign up online or at the IHGID office. The kick-off party will begin at 11:00 in James Lee Park. Saturday July 18th we will be having a Concert in the Park featuring the Band Ride On. This dynamic three piece band performs the best of today's rock hits as well as

all the songs that put the "Classic" in Classic Rock. For more information on these events please call 267-2805.



Field Operations Supervisor

Indian Hills GID would like to welcome John Lufrano as the new Field Operations Supervisor. John brings with him 28 years of experience with Parks and recreation from Douglas County, where he managed all of Lake Tahoe's parks.

John has resided in the district for 10 years. John is looking forward to making changes and updating our parks and streets. The street improvements should be completed within the year. Everyone at the IHGID is happy to have you and

looks forward to working with you.

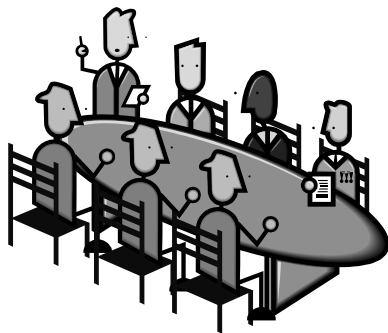


Water Main Flushing

IHGID will be flushing the District's water mains commencing on the morning of Tuesday May 12th. Flushing is necessary to remove collected debris from our water mains such as sand and to flush "red" water from dead end lines to improve water appearance and quality. You may find that your water is temporarily discolored or has some suspended particles visible. This condition is temporary and running your faucets will clear up the problem. It is advisable to NOT do laundry while we are flushing the system as clothes could be stained or spotted from the discolored water. The district will be flushing the North Sunridge area on May 12th and 13th. This will be all streets East of HWY 395. Flushing will be done on the West of HWY 395 on May 14th and 15th. Thank you ahead of time for your co-operation in this matter. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at the office 267-2805 or at the water treatment plant 267-9860.



IHGID is looking for volunteers to join the Recreation and Event committee. The committee is a group of people that get together once a month prior to the scheduled board meetings at 5:00PM. The goal for this committee is to brainstorm ideas of new recreational events that the district will consider putting into action. If you are interested in joining this committee you will need to fill out a statement of interest form which you can find on our website www.indianhillsnevada.com or you can stop by the office located at 3394 James Lee Park Road. For more information on this committee please contact Sandi Eisele at 267-2805 ext. 28.



The Indian Hills GID Field Staff is proud to inform you that much has been accomplished toward maintaining and improving all areas within the district. We have a new Field Operations Supervisor who is helping to improve problems we have experienced in recent times. Our hard work and dedication, along with his leadership will help ensure that the future maintenance and improvements continue to make the district better for everyone.

Our current goal for street improvements is to bring the district up to code in relation to proper signage. For example, we are replacing stop signs that are too small according to the new state codes. We continue working on crack sealing, sweeping and striping the streets. As far as parks are concerned, we are currently working on the irrigation and sprinkler systems to verify everything is working properly. James Lee Park will also be updated with new playground equipment and general repairs and maintenance. We are in the process of constructing a remote controlled car/truck racetrack which will be located at the west end of the dirt lot in James Lee Park.

IHGID is building the first fenced in dog park in Douglas County. It will be located behind the tennis courts in James Lee Park. Amenities will include benches and trees. Completion is expected to be by the end of this summer. Acres and acres of walking trails are also available for your enjoyment so come out and enjoy all the updates to your park.



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