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The mission of the District is to provide, within its charter, those public facilities and services which maintain and improve the quality of life of its resident families, and to maintain and operate those facilities and services at the highest quality and in the most cost-effective manner as possible, with the intent to continue to do so for a growing population of residents.

From the General Manager's Desk

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Hello to all,
Summer is here and we still have the challenges of our water system. The Indian Hills portion of the regional pipeline project is coming to a close. The pipe is in the ground, now the focus will be in our water plant switching over to the new pumps. Once our project is complete the contractor will continue on the pipeline coming from Minden. We still anticipate having water delivered by the end of September, if all goes well with the Douglas County portion of the water line we could see water sooner.



As I drive the District looking for projects and maintenance for the field staff, I can't help but notice that our residents are doing a wonderful job of keeping our neighborhoods looking cleaner. I have noticed more yards are moving towards a rock and shrubs look instead of the turf ideas of old. Remember our turf is the single largest user of water for the District, so the more efficient we can set our sprinklers the better off we all are. I have noticed more pruning of trees and shrubs from our walkways for our pedestrian's to access. I thank you.

Sincerely,
John Lufrano



A Note from the Chair

At our April 25th Board Meeting Trustee's appointed our interim General Manager Mr. John Lufrano to serve as the District's New General Manager. Mr. Lufrano was hired on with the District in 2009 as Field Operations Supervisor. Prior to his employment with Indian Hills John worked for Douglas County Parks and Recreation for 28 years, John and his family have resided in Indian Hills for 12 years and is well acquainted with our community. He has a clear vision for the District and possesses strong leadership skills. We are excited to work with Mr. Lufrano and look forward to the success of future District projects. Please join me in congratulating John on his new position as General Manager.

Your Board of Trustees is participating in a training session presented by Steven Palmer with "Rural community Assistance Corporation." The course is titled "Asset Management for small Water and Wastewater Systems. This course meets one of the many conditions expected of our District to qualify for financing through USDA Rural development.

At this time I would like to invite you to learn more about your General Improvement District by attending our regularly scheduled Board Meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00P.M. in the Board room at 3394 James Lee Park Road. For additional information contact the District office.

Thank you and enjoy a wonderful summer.
Denise Pierini, IHGID Board Chairman.

Outside Watering Restrictions:

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



(Valley Vista Park Gazebo)

REMINDER: Bills are due 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 be charged a late fee.

For scheduling your special event in any of our facilities, or for questions and information please call (775) 267-2805 x 28 or go to www.indianhillsnevada.com



(2011 Summer Kick-off)

Parks and Street Update

Streets:

You have noticed we started painting white lines at our crosswalks, stop bars, and yellow at our mail box clusters along with red at our fire hydrant locations. Thank you for slowing down around those areas for the safety of our crews and residents. In the near future we will have some much needed concrete work completed around the District. We will concentrate on walkways that have heaved and some of our handicapped ramps that do not meet current ADA standards. The plan each year is to add more ramps, starting with the heavily used crosswalks and moving to the areas of our older neighborhoods that do not have any crosswalks at all.

Parks:

Recently we sprayed all of our parks for broadleaf weeds, the clover population was out of control and along with that came the bees. We are in maintenance mode with our parks, adjusting sprinklers, mowing and trying to keep up with the weeds.

North Park: We will be moving some of the playground equipment around to be compliant with the latest standards. We just corrected a drainage problem at Valley Vista Park that was constantly keeping the walkway to wet for use. We are very pleased with the outcome. I would like to thank those residents that take the time to call our office and inform us of a problem or a potential problem they might have seen around our parks, to have a nice parks system it really takes the attention of all who live here.

Recreation and Events Updates

Happy summer from the IHGID Recreation Department!

The annual Summer Kick-Off in James Lee Park on June 25th seemed literally appropriate given the Carson Valley's very late start to summer weather this year. The event kicked off at 11 a.m. welcomed by balmy temperatures from Mother Nature, the jumbo slip-n-slide drew all the children to it like a magnet, where the line was long and steady but obviously worth the wait. The new water balloon war was anticipated by an older age group of kids who persistently reminded staff they were ready and waiting for the water war to be announced! Staff now has a full understanding that the hula-hoop and tug of war contests are completely successful with a demand for additional age divisions and matches especially with tug of war attracting age groups ranging from 5 to 55.

Sponsors who donated and volunteered their time to the 2011 Summer Kick-Off are extremely appreciated for their generosity; without their support the annual IHGID Recreation Events in James Lee Park would be condensed to a minimum. The District residents and the Recreation Department are grateful to the following for their contributions:

Brooke, Shaw, Zumpff, Western Nevada Supply, Resource Concepts Inc., Mr. Ice Cream, EXCEL youth football league, Art Baer and Kathryn Clark-Ross.

The Concert in the Park is the topic of discussion, we need your input as to what type of music and/or band you enjoy or would like to see live in JLP. Participants attending our events and concerts are our District residents which include different age groups with vastly diverse music tastes, in order to fulfill the needs of our residents I need to hear from you!

The Recreation Department encourages all residents to inform us of their music or band of choice either by emailing seisele@indianhillsnevada.com, phoning, while making your water/waste water payment at the front desk you can offer your suggestion or by dropping a note in the payment drop box located in the office parking lot.

Rental facilities through IHGID Recreation Department can accommodate your needs for any special occasion, from birthday parties, weddings, baptisms to company parties and family reunions; our parks, ball fields, gazebos, tennis courts, skate facility and meeting room are available for reservation.

The new Remote Control Car track located across from the lighted baseball field is race ready, three RC races hosted by Capitol Punishers RC Club have been held on the track. The Indian Hills RC track is open for public use during normal park hours; monthly RC races will take place on the track sponsored by Capitol Punishers RC Club. For more information about monthly RC races, classes, and registration please contact Kevin Hanes with Capitol Punishers at kevinhanes65@live.com or Hobby Town USA at 883-5553.

WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP AND SURVEY:

Indian Hills General Improvement District and the Carson Water Subconservancy District have teamed up to provide a Water Conservation Workshop, the workshop will be on Saturday August 27, 2011 from 10:00A.M.-12:00P.M. in the Board room at the Indian Hills District office. Knowledgeable water specialist will assist you in your efforts to conserve more water and teach you efficient practices to help reduce usage and expenses. Please call Indian Hills GID to reserve your seat at 775-267-2805.

In an effort to assist homeowners with methods of reducing outdoor water consumption, Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) is offering residential irrigation surveys within the Carson River Watershed. Homeowners can receive guidance about efficient practices which help reduce usage and expense by implementing water conservation techniques. CWSD, in conjunction with your water utility, is pleased to offer this irrigation survey at no cost.

The program is designed to help reduce outdoor water consumption for residents, especially during peak demand times. The effective use of our limited resources is vital to maintaining our thriving communities and healthy watershed.

For more information on our program or to schedule an appointment, please contact CWSD staff at (775)887-1260 or debbie@cwsd.org

We look forward to working with you this summer!

DOG WASTE DISPENSERS

We are having a problem with dog owner's stealing handfuls of the dog waste bags from the dispensers around the District. The bags are for the convenience of the dog owners that use the parks to walk their dogs. Please stop abusing this, if this continues we may have to remove the dispensers and dog owners would be responsible for providing their own bags to remove dog waste. Please report anyone removing a large number of the bags to the District office, all we will need is a brief description of the owner, dog and the date and time. The reporting party will remain anonymous.



WATER CONSERVATION FACTS

- Less than 2% of the Earth's water supply is fresh water.
- Of all earth's water, 97% is salt water found in oceans and seas.
- Only 1% of the earth's water is available for drinking water. Two percent is frozen.
- The human body is 75% water.
- Every day in the United States, we drink about 110 million gallons of water.
- The average American uses 140-170 gallons of water per day.
- If every household in America has a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.
- Approximately 1 million miles of pipelines and aqueducts carry water in the U.S. and Canada. That's enough to circle the earth 40 times.
- You can refill an 8-oz. glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda pop.



MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT:

As taxpayers of Douglas County, Indian Hills residents who are having problems with mosquitoes can contact the Douglas Mosquito Abatement District at 775-782-4642 to have them taken care of. While the District actively controls mosquitoes throughout the County, residents play an important role as well. Prevention is also key in reducing the spread of West Nile virus. The following preventive actions are recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce individual risk of mosquito-borne illness:

- * Eliminate areas of standing water, bird baths, un-maintained swimming pools, sprinkler runoff, irrigation boxes, pots/buckets all of which support mosquito breeding.
- * Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens without tears or holes.
- * Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, notably at dusk and dawn.
- * Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when outside.
- * Apply insect repellent containing DEET according to manufacturer's directions. Repellents containing picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus also have some efficiency. However DEET is the best studied and most effective repellent available. Remember to reapply frequently as needed.

BEWARE OF SCAMS:

Over the last several months we have heard concerns about scams. There are several scams going around some of them are the Bin Laden scam which is an e-mail containing a virus that could steal personal information. Japan Relief scam, Grant scam, Foreign Lottery scam, Grandparent scam and Loan modification scams among many others. In past tragedies and natural disasters, individuals with criminal intent have solicited contributions purportedly for a charitable organization. It is important to be alert and take precautions to protect yourself.

- * Ignore unsolicited e-mails, and do not click on links within those messages.
- * Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as survival victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- * Decline to give personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions.
- * Make contributions directly to known organizations, rather than relying on others who claim that they will channel the donation to established groups.

For more information on possible scams in progress please contact the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection at 775-684-1169.

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