



# Neighborhood News

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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

Don't hold this Manager's feet to the fire but we should have clean water in our pipes in the spring of 2011. We have some hoops to jump through for the funding but it is well worth the savings in the grants that trickle down to our residents but we are still moving forward. We are getting funding from USDA and also from the State of Nevada both through a Grant. You have noticed a great deal of work being done with our storm water system, this work will ensure free flow of storm water throughout the District. Later in this news letter you will see information about shutting down your outside irrigation systems, please remember the better we can shut down our systems in the fall should mean a much easier start up in the spring and a lot less frozen pipes during the winter.

As time and money allows, the District will try to make living in Indian Hills a more comfortable place by maintaining and improving our infrastructure and putting on more recreational activities for our residents.

This manager is happy to announce that I will be around for another year; I received another one year contract as your general manager. I look forward to my third year of service to all of you wonderful residents. The District has adopted two new policies, Sidewalk Obstruction Policy, the purpose of this policy is to mitigate the number of obstructions throughout the District by clearing vegetation and attempting to abate vehicle owners from parking on the sidewalk. Sidewalks will need to be clear of any vehicles, trees or shrubs leaving a minimum clearance of 4 feet wide by 7 feet high and Water Rights Dedication Policy, the District maintains a block of water rights for use in providing water service to properties within the District's boundaries. Properties outside the District Boundary seeking water service will be required to dedicate water rights to the District in an amount equivalent to the estimated use as verified by the District. To see the complete policies please visit our website at [www.indianhillsnevada.com](http://www.indianhillsnevada.com) or contact the office at 775-267-2805.

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## A Note from the Chair

Hi my name is Brian Patrick and as Chairman of the Board this year, I would like to extend, again, an invitation to all of you in Indian Hills to attend the Board Meetings. We try to keep them short and most of our business as understandable as possible. Along with the other Board Members, we look forward to visiting with our neighbors and hearing the concerns you have and if we can, solve the problems in our community. Again our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM in the Board room at 3394 James Lee Park Road. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks once again.

Brian Patrick, Chairman

We encourage you to visit our new and improved website at [www.indianhillsnevada.com](http://www.indianhillsnevada.com) for the latest Pipeline Updates, News and Events.

**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.

The IHGID Board normally meets once a month on the Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00, in the Board Room at James Lee Park. The public is encouraged to come and stay up to date on changes within the district. For more information about the Board Meeting or to be added to our agenda mailing list please contact the office.



Indian Hills Dog Park

## Parks and Street Update

### Streets:

We are concentrating our efforts on filling the numerous cracks in our streets. The two methods of repair will be applying hot tar into the cracks that measure 3 inches or less. On cracks measuring 3 inches or more, we are trying to fill them with a product called Perma Patch. The few streets this has been attempted on have held up well. The District is not sure when we will have funding that will allow us to complete another round of crack replacement.

You have been noticing that our vacuum truck has been out with more frequency working on the sewer system throughout the District. We feel we have a good working knowledge of the system and the locations of certain manholes that need extra attention on a weekly basis.

We also have been cleaning our storm drains throughout the District. During the last storms we did not experience any major backups with our storm drains. Some drains did experience mild backups due to the leaves falling from the trees during the hail and rain. The crew was able to remove the blockage and allow water to flow just fine to our detention basins.

### Parks:

The James Lee Dog Park has had a few more improvements since our last newsletter. We added 5 not 3 shade trees in the center of the area. Decomposed granite (DG) was added to the entire surface of the dog park with a small area of turf in the south west corner. A Sprinkler system was installed so we could put down a light amount of water for dust control and to irrigate the turf.

The tennis court resurfacing was completed on time and on budget. Much needed required maintenance that leaves the users enjoying the facility even more.

You should have noticed work done in our playgrounds throughout the District, repairing slides, raising and or relocating spring toys and adding woodchips for adequate fall protection. The swing set budgeted for James Lee Park playground has been ordered and should arrive in October. We hope to install the swing set sometime in November.

We have installed the shade shelter over the bleachers in the Skate Park, what a welcome addition for the facility users, they will no longer have to take shelter from the heat of the sun in the Gazebo.



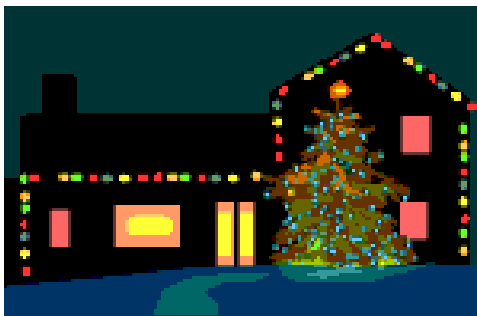
## Recreation and Events Updates

The Holiday season has begun, which means the annual Christmas Celebration and Lighting Contest is right around the corner!

### Lighting Contest Judging ~ Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00p.m.

Do you or someone you know go the extra mile in showing their holiday spirit with outdoor decorating? This is a no entry fee contest for our residents in the Indian Hills District who would like to participate in the contest.

If you would like to be entered in the Lighting Contest, please stop by the office or visit our website for an entry form at [www.indianhillsnevada.com](http://www.indianhillsnevada.com) . Each contestants home (visible from driveway or roadway) must be decorated and ready to be judged by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be notified by phone on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> announcing 1<sup>st</sup> Place...\$150 2<sup>nd</sup> Place...\$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place...\$50.



### Christmas Celebration ~ Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.

Family, friends and kids of all ages always enjoy the Christmas Celebration in the IHGID Board room, where craft stations are set up for creating unique one of a kind decorations to bring home for display. Parents remember to bring your camera for pictures of your little ones with Santa and his Elf.

Each year the District has a non perishable food drop off location at the front office, this year we are collecting food items for **Food For Thought**. Food For Thought distributes non perishable food to children in need who attend schools from Carson City to Douglas County and many in between serving nearly 600 students. If you would like more information on Food For Thought their website is: [www.nvfoodforthought.org](http://www.nvfoodforthought.org) Donations will be accepted from now through December 18, 2010 at IHGID.



The District's Board of Trustees held two public hearings at the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board meeting, regarding increasing the monthly water usage rates based on metered line size for water service provided by the District to all customers.

The monthly water service fee structure effective November 1, 2010 reflecting on your December 1, 2010 bill is:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>
¾"	\$24.16
1"	\$37.75
1.5"	\$78.89
2"	\$115.97
3"	\$193.67
4"	\$391.21
6"	\$571.17
8"	\$862.25

This increase will affect less than 0.50% of our residential water users as they have a ¾" line size.

Also at the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting the Board adopted a new Hydrant Meter Rate Schedule. The connection and disconnection of a meter is \$150.00

Usage rate:

0-50,000 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
50,001-100,000 gallons	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons	\$3.75 per 1,000 gallons

Penalty of \$500.00 for tying into a hydrant without notifying the District, the Fire Department is excluded from any charges.

Persons wishing to inspect the formulation of these increases may contact the District office at 775-267-2805 or write the District General Manger at 3394 James Lee Park Rd. # A, Carson City, NV 89705

## STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Storm water runoff is precipitation from rain or snow melt that flows over the ground. As it flows, over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system, or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. When washing your vehicles use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain. Check your car, boat, motorcycle and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies. On a routine basis, District staff performs preventative maintenance on catch basins and storm water detention areas. The District sweeps streets and gutters to prevent debris from entering storm drains. In an effort to save water we have residents landscaping their yards with dirt, bark or rocks. The problem we are experiencing is when residents have material dropped off at their residence nothing is being done to temporarily block off the storm drains in front of their homes. We have removed a large amount of river rocks ranging from 2" diameter to 10" diameter. To avoid damage to the storm drains please refrain from placing materials on them or temporarily cover the manholes until the material is removed from the street.

## WINTERIZE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

With freezing temperatures just around the corner, it is necessary to shut down or "winterize" your sprinkler system to prevent damage. Winterizing purges your system of water and thereby prevents the components from splitting and cracking. Winterizing your sprinkler system is as important as having antifreeze in your car. Water that remains in your equipment can freeze, expand and rupture the sprinkler walls. Freezing water in the backflow assembly will damage the internal components and could crack the brass body. Taking the necessary steps for protecting all parts of your sprinkler system will not only protect it for this coming winter but it will also minimize your repairs in the springtime.

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