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Indian Hills General Improvement District
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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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I'm very pleased to announce that because of the efforts of several people before me, we have been receiving water from the Town of Minden as it passes through Douglas County since the 3rd of October. We will be looking at ways of possibly blending water from our good wells if it proves to be cost effective. The wells that were producing the arsenic have been taken offline and will be used for non-potable water to be sent to the golf course to augment the treated effluent water we send them now. We will be pumping approximately 1400 gallons of water per minute and approximately 250-350 million gallons of water annually from Minden.

We hope to be working on burning weeds and shrubs around the sewer plant effluent water basins per NDEP requirements. The solar portion of the sewer plant infrastructure improvements is under way, with a completion date of November 23. We will move onto the headwork's next then followed with the sludge press removal system.



A Note from the Chair

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With 2011 coming to an end I would like to express gratitude to all the men and women who have worked diligently on making the vision of our pipeline a reality. Thank you so much for your dedication to our community in seeing that our residents will enjoy quality drinking water for years to come. Your Board of Trustees, along with staff has spent much of the year laying the ground work for future projects.

Our number one priority:

Replacement of aging infrastructure at our waste water treatment plant, at the moment we are installing solar panels to supply power to our plant to offset the rising cost of energy. We expect completion before year's end. Additional plans for 2012 include replacing the entire headworks and purchasing a dewatering press that will allow sludge removal from our plant. We are also looking forward to breaking ground on phase II of Valley Vista Park.

With the Holiday's approaching we would like to turn our focus to our annual canned food drive. All donations support the Douglas County Food Closet. In addition, Indian Hills is heading a gift drive to benefit the children and families of Austin's House. We encourage your support to warm the hearts and homes of many in our community. Our drop off location is at our business office located at 3394 James Lee Park Road. On behalf of your Board of Trustees and the staff of Indian Hills GID we would like to extend Holiday greetings to our residents and families and blessings in the New Year.

Respectfully,

Denise Pierini,
IHGID Chairman 2011

Winter is upon us which brings about snow removal and ice control. Please take a moment to review our snow removal policy online. www.indianhillsnevada.com.

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 6:00PM, 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 Meetings or to be added to our agenda mailing list please contact the office.

We encourage you to visit our new and improved website at www.indianhillsnevada.com for the latest Pipeline Updates, News and Events.



2011 Canine Extravaganza

Streets Update

The crew has been working on crack sealing and filling potholes. We have a few sections of sidewalks that will be replaced soon. We are starting to put together a transition plan to install ADA Pedestrian ramps throughout the District. We first need to concentrate our efforts on the sections of the District that have no ADA ramps then we can move onto the areas that have ramps but do not comply with the current standards. This program will take several years to complete so please be patient, my goal is to make our sidewalks safe and easy to use for all of our residents.

Over the past several weeks we have experienced more vehicles parking on the sidewalks. We would like to remind you of the District's Sidewalk Obstruction Policy. The purpose of this policy is to mitigate the number of sidewalk obstructions throughout the Indian Hills General Improvement 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 wide feet by 7 feet high. Two or more violations will result in the District notifying the Douglas County Sheriff's office to enforce NRS 484B.450. For more information or to view the entire policy please go to the District's website at www.indianhillsnevada.com

Recreation and Events Updates

The Canine Extravaganza on October 22, 2011 was a fun and educational experience for all who attended and participated in the events in James Lee Park, and beyond rewarding to see the result of planning and working with experts in the canine field. Sunshine beamed down the entire day, many who attended were previously unaware that JLP, or IHGID for that matter even existed, and voiced how grateful they were to discover a dog park in the area. The Pooch Poker Walk opened another door that IHGID offers several other public facilities, including Coloma Trailhead where the poker stations were manned. Generosity from many companies and individuals produced all the awards, and a raffle generated funds for ongoing dog park events and maintenance, volunteers were assigned to assist in the activities, set up and tearing down of the event. Success of the 2011 Canine Event is due to the following: *Carson Valley Vet Hospital* who also handled a blanket drive for *DC Animal Shelter*, *Critter Collars*, *Pets of the Homeless*, *Roe Pope* who is an author of "Puppies for Sale, \$25", *Red Cross instructor of Canine First Aid & CPR*, *Poopy Lawn Scoopers*, *NV Humane Society*, *Nan The Groomer*, *Stock Photography by Wendy*, *DC K-9 Unit demo by Deputy Stanley*, *China Springs Youth Camp Mr. Dunbar* and (4) extremely helpful and respectful volunteers, *Walmart*, *Kathryn Clark-Ross*, *Art & Pat Baer*, *Bill & Penni Eisele*, *Becky Kendall*, *Kim Johnson*, *Mike Olson*, *Ricks Flooring*, *Quail Ridge Vet*, *Eastern Sierra Feed*, *V&T Vet*, *Bensons Feed*, *Grooming by Cass*, *Max's Pet Store*, *Zephyr Technical*, and last but definitely not least, the IHGID staff who diligently worked many hours to provide the Community a successful event to remember us by!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events in JLP!

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| December 17, 2011 | Christmas Celebration |
| April 7, 2012 | Easter Egg Hunt |
| June 23, 2012 | Summer Kick-Off |
| October 20, 2012 | Canine Extravaganza |
| December 15, 2012 | Christmas Celebration |

Please contact the Recreation Department to volunteer, suggestions, information etc.

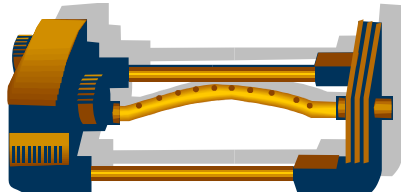
Thank you ~ Sandi Eisele

WINTERIZING YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM

With the leaves starting to fall and temperatures starting to drop winter is just around the corner which means it is time to winterize your irrigation systems. If water is left in the pipes, it could freeze and burst, causing a leak. By taking the necessary steps for protecting your irrigation system now, will avoid costly repairs in the springtime.

There are two ways to winterize your sprinkler system; the first one is the manual drain method.

Turn off the water supply at the main valve, and open the manual drain valves. Open the drain on the stop and waste valve and let the rest of the water drain. Make sure you open the test cocks on the back flow instrument to let the water drain out. Close the manual valves when all the water has been drained out. The second way is the automatic drain method. Shut off the water supply and relieve the water system pressure to drain the water from the mainline. Open the boiler drain once the water is out of the mainline. Drain the rest of the water that is caught between the shut off valve and back flow instrument. Make sure you open the test cocks on the back flow instrument to let the water drain out. Both of these techniques will prevent your irrigation system from freezing and potentially breaking pipes. Complete winterization before temperatures dip to freezing we advise you to have your irrigation system turned off and winterized by Halloween, this is a good date to remember as a guide.



In light of our most recent boil water notice and to service our residents better, we have been looking at ways to improve our communication to residents. We are generating an email list to notify residents in case of an emergency as another layer of notification. Please check our website or contact the office to be added to our email list. You will be able to choose if you would like to receive Board Meeting agendas, Board Meeting minutes, quarterly newsletters and recreation events. If you sign up for our eblast system you will receive emails of an emergency along with whatever other options you choose.



We would like to remind and encourage all residents that the Indian Hills General Improvement District Board of Trustees meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the Board room at James Lee Park.



On behalf of the entire Indian Hills General Improvement District we would like to take a moment to thank our residents for their patience and cooperation with our most recent boil water notice. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused.

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.



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