Town of Indian Head
Newsletter

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Town Hall

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Phone Numbers
Ofc: 301-743-5511
Fax: 301-743-9008

Holiday Closings

Town Hall and Public Works will be closed on the following days this quarter in observance of the holidays listed:

Christmas Holiday
Friday, December 22
Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 1
Tuesday, January 2
Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 15
Presidents Day
Monday, February 19

If you have a water or sewer emergency after hours, call 301-373-1688 to report your emergency. On-call Town personnel will handle the problem accordingly.

After hours non-emergency type problems can be reported by leaving a message on the Town Hall office number 301-743-5511. Be prepared to furnish your name, address, phone number and brief, but detailed description of the type of problem. Water cutoffs for non-payment are not considered emergencies and are only handled during Public Works regular business hours.

Upcoming Meetings

Town Meeting: Town Meetings are the 1st Monday of every month unless it happens to fall on a holiday. The Winter Town Meetings will take place on Mon., Dec. 4, Mon., Jan. 8, & Mon., Feb. 5. *The Town meetings will be held virtually. The Council may also change the meeting to in person if they feel it is needed based on the agenda that month. Please make sure to check our website to stay up to date on any changes. If you would like to log in for the virtual meetings, go to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH or dial in using your phone by calling 571-317-3122, Access Code: 135-757-733*

Planning Commission: Wed., Dec. 20, Wed., Jan. 17, & Wed., Feb. 21, 5:30pm. *Planning Commission meetings are held virtually. You may log in for any meeting by going to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733*

Work Session: Wed. Dec. 27, Wed. Jan. 24 & Wed. Feb. 28, 3:30pm. *Work sessions are held virtually. You may log in for any meeting by going to https://gotomeet.me/TOIH You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733*

Town Council Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing: Mon., December 4, 2023, at 6:00pm on the GoToMeeting platform to receive comments from residents regarding the revised Zoning Ordinance. The public can view a summary of the revisions and the Zoning Ordinance at www.townofindianhead.org. Any resident who is unable to attend the virtual hearing who would like to submit comments can email them to annie@townofindianhead.org or drop them off at the Town Hall, located at 4195 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head, MD 20640 by no later than Friday, December 1, 2023. All comments will be read under the public comment portion of the public hearing agenda.

Upcoming Community Events



Holiday Festival: Sat., December 2, 5pm to 8pm, Village Green Pavilion. The event will kickoff with the tree lighting and arrival of Santa Claus. Indoor Holiday Market featuring local crafters. Craft table for kids & SMORES station provided by BRIDGE Church. Delicious food for sale from County Manners. Tasty hot apple cider for sale from Clarity Coffee.

Community Love In Action - FREE Drive Thru Community Feast: Sat., December 9, 1pm, while quantities last. First come - first served. Village Green Pavilion.

Annual Santa Run Through Town: PHVFD, Sun, December 17, includes their first due response areas of Knotts Subdivision & Strauss Avenue from S. Poplar Lane to Hawthorne Road. (Questions/Info: 301-743-7700), IHVFD, Sat., December 23 (Questions/Info: 301-743-3900)



Mayor's Message by Brandon Paulin

Hello everyone!

As we approach the holiday season, I hope everyone is staying healthy and gets to spend some quality time with family and friends.

-Oasis grocery store is moving along. If you haven't taken a look recently, framing has gone up! They are expected to open in spring of 2024, follow them on their Facebook page.

-Our Holiday festival will take place on December 2nd! We will have crafters, a tree lighting, and SANTA! So come out for a fun time enjoying the holiday season.

-Recently we signed a lease for the old PNC bank building and land to permanently locate and house the Boys and Girls Club! This space will provide recreational and educational opportunities for many generations of youth in town! I personally want to thank Joy Hill and Canice Robertson for their efforts in engaging kids in Indian Head and look forward to having a long-standing partnership between the town and the club as they start the transition into creating and redeveloping their new space.

-Restrooms on the Village Green are targeted to be out for bid in December, we are just waiting on a few approvals from federal agencies.

- East Poplar Stormwater project: We have begun to receive materials to the site and are awaiting easement acquisition to begin the project.

- As updates and questions arise, please don't hesitate to attend a town meeting and ask questions. Our meeting schedule is posted on the website on the town's calendar. We would love to see you there.

Last but not least, I wish you and your family a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. Reach out anytime.

Until next time,
Mayor Paulin

TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD OFFICIALS / BOARDS / PERSONNEL

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Brandon Paulin

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Town Manager
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Ginger Foster, Finance Officer
Diane Campbell, Deputy Finance Officer
Community Relations Unit, Gus Proctor
Planchek, Code Enforcement
Eric Woodland, Head of Operations
Calvin Barnes, Field Supervisor
EAST, Inc., Water/Wastewater

Town Website
www.townofindianhead.org

The Indian Head Senior Center is located on the Village Green in the Old Post Office. Our address is 100 Cornwallis Square. If you are at least 60 years young we encourage you to part of this fast-paced center, where we encourage older adults to be independent as long as possible physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially.

Indian Head Senior Center

"Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back to you", if you are not feeling well we ask that you do not come into the center. Questions **call 301 743-2125**.

As we wrap up 2023, we continue to offer programs to WELL-come you to Wellness and Solo- Aging in 2024. Register at any of the Senior centers to participate in our activities. For a complete list of activities pick up a copy of the SCOOP publication, go to https://www.charlescountymd.gov or visit our Facebook page Charles County Senior Centers.

Closed for Holidays on the following days:

- December 8th – Center closes at NOON
- December 14th
- December 22nd through December 26th
- January 1st, 2nd & 15th
- February 12th & 19



Updates:

- Thank God for duct tape, we marked off a Pickleball court in front of the center. At times that section of Cornwallis Square will be closed play(around).
- Numbers count. We have been trying to get a larger building for the seniors on the western side of Charles County since 2006. Some of our seniors on the western side attend the centers in LaPlata and Waldorf because they have a larger fitness area. So, we encourage all 60+ citizens to please register at the center. We exceeded 400 the last fiscal year, yet so many people in the Town don't know we exist. Most of our participants live in Bryans Road, let's change that this year.
- If you are caring for a senior, please contact us for our Building Better Caregivers classes. You don't have to be a senior to attend the classes. We are trying to help the sandwich generation strive through stressful situations.
- If you are a reader, MARK Your Calendars for Wednesday, March 27th at 12:30 p.m. Author Christine Trent will be hosting our book club.

Message from the Indian Head Senior Center Staff:

Did you know that the western side of the County has the highest number of persons with Type 2 Diabetes? Did you know that the western side of the County had the highest number of deaths due to COVID? Program Assistants, Mary Mason, Tayloni Ricks and Brittany Arbin along with the Charles County Health Dept., Charles Regional Medical Center and Dr. Richard Cook are committed to offer programming to educate the senior population how to live a healthy independent life as long as possible. In 2023 we offered a yearlong program with a chef and dietitian called Diabetes Prevention Program. Dr. Cook answers questions about health issues for two hours every quarter. We teach how to use our fitness equipment. We are updating our raised garden bed with the help of the Sierra Club and turning a part of the grounds for pollinators. And yes, we still play Bingo, offer a healthy lunch each day, teach award winning crafts and give back to the community through Project Linus and donation of hats for backpacks for Indian Head Elementary. Join us and be part of a community of wiser independent citizens. Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Simmons, Indian Head Senior Cener Coordinator.

Check out YouTube videos too see what we do - Your Charles County: Indian Head Senior Center

The Charles County Senior centers are "Connecting older adults to an inclusive community that fosters healthy aging through programs that support independence, wellbeing and self-expression". We are here to remind you "if you don't move, you don't move" and "refuse to let an old person move into your body".



We wish you all a wondrous holiday season.

For more information visit: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/aging-and-senior-services/senior-centers

Town Codes

- **Burning**—No burning is allowed within the Town.
- **Animal Control**—Dogs must be kept on the owner's property unless properly restrained. The Charles County Animal Control provides animal enforcement within the Town. Call 301-932-1713 if you have a problem.
- **Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles** are prohibited within the Town and may not be kept on the street for more than 24 hours or on private property, with certain exceptions. Call Code Enforcement at 301-743-5511 ext. 101 with any questions.
- **Property Maintenance**—Every dwelling and lot shall be kept free from trash and garbage. Weeds and grass must be cut and kept shorter than 10 inches.
- **Building Code**—The Town has an adopted building code. Any new construction or remodeling, including, but not limited to porches, fences, sheds and garages, requires inspection and a building permit from the Town.

Code Enforcement

Planchek administers the Residential Property Maintenance and Building Codes for the Town of Indian Head. The Code Enforcement Officer does daily inspections throughout Town to check for code compliance. When a property is not up to code, the Code Enforcement Officer will issue a violation letter to address the code violation. Depending on the type of violation, the days for corrective action can be between 7 to 30 days. After the specified number of days, a fine letter will be issued for an additional 7 to 30 days, followed by a citation if the violation has still not been addressed. At the time that the citation is issued, the violation may be taken to court, or the Town may complete the needed property maintenance and lien the property for any costs incurred. The Town's Code Enforcement also does rental license inspections, and building permit inspections.

If you have any questions about the Code Enforcement process, if you would like to report a Code Enforcement violation, or if you need to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer in reference to an inspection, please call 301-743-5511 ext. 101.

Recycling/Yard Waste

Solid waste products such as glass jars and bottles, newspapers, plastic bottles and metal cans will be picked up at the curb every Thursday within the Town of Indian Head. Place these items in your recycling bin—no need to separate them.

Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, year-round, weather permitting. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in brown paper bags or in a trash container marked "Yard Waste" and placed at curbside. Brush must be bundled and must not be any longer than four feet (4') in length. Individual pieces of brush must not be any larger than six inches (6") in diameter. Both Recycling and Yard Waste must be curbside by no later than 7:30AM. Bulk trash can be scheduled year-round on Wednesdays. Fee of $50 per scheduled pick-up must be paid in advance at time of scheduling at Town Hall. Payment must be made with cash, money order, debit or credit card, no personal checks. All items must be curbside by 7:00am on the prescheduled pick-up day but not earlier than 48 hours prior to pick-up day.

REMINDER: Please do not rake leaves or blow grass clippings into the storm drains.

Utility Rates

The Town bills for utilities on a quarterly basis. Please make note that you will be receiving a bill four times a year (July, October, January and April). ***You are encouraged to make an estimated payment monthly toward your quarterly bill.*** For more information you can call Town Hall at: 301-743-5511.

Water & Sewer Rates

Minimum rate for all residential customers **$75**

(per dwelling unit per quarter) plus

$7 for every 1,000 gallons used

Minimum rate for all commercial customers $**217**

(per unit per quarter) plus

$7 for every 1,000 gallons used

Bay Restoration Fee

$15.00 to State of Maryland Comptroller's office for the Bay Restoration Fund

Trash Rates

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: ***$90.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter)*** - Billed quarterly for twice a week curb-side pickup and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week.

Commercial Rate

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	$500 per quarter
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	$100 per quarter
	Each additional can	$46.00 per quarter

All residential and commercial units within the Town of Indian Head shall avail themselves of the Town's curb-side trash collection service.

ALL Residential trash pickup is on Tuesday and Friday. Please don't forget your trash must be curbside by no later than 7:30am. If you have an issue with your pickup please call 301-855-3078



Hey there!

For a limited time, **the Makerspace at the CSM Velocity Center** is thrilled to offer scholarship **money** that can be applied to all workshops and memberships on a first-come first-served basis. A great value, this is your chance to dive into creative ventures.

Featured Workshop: T-Shirt Digital Design Dec. 5 and 6

Join us for the **T-Shirt Digital Design Workshop** and *make* your own unique swag and promotional t-shirts for parties, social clubs, and events. Whether you want to flaunt your fashion sense or create a unified team or family aesthetic, this workshop is for you. Originally priced at $71, thanks to the scholarship, you'll only pay **$7**. At that low price you may want to bring the whole family or team along to design a set of matching holiday outfits!

With the holidays just around the corner, consider this workshop as a perfect opportunity to create personalized gifts for your special someone.

Make and Take Workshops

Coming in Early 2024:

Puzzle Making Workshop. Transform your favorite photo into a keepsake puzzle.

3D Printing Class. Dive into the world of 3D printing beyond just downloading models from the internet.

HTML and CSS for Web Development. Get a crash course in HTML and CSS, and create a simple website to showcase your portfolio or business.

Remember, you don't need to be a member to take advantage of these exciting classes! Although, once you see the ***space*** you may want to have additional access to its tools and equipment. Consider using scholarship money to reduce the cost of a month's membership to $10. You will want to take the **Introduction to Makerspaces** class which will cost $10 after the scholarship and that includes your first month's membership fee.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to unleash your creativity with Makerspace. **Register today** and let your imagination soar!

If you have questions you can reach out to our staff by email **makerspace@csmd.edu** or phone 301-934-4830.

Velocity Center at Indian Head
4465 Indian Head Hwy
Indian Head, MD 20640

BRIDGE Church:



Looking for authentic community? BRIDGE Church invites you to join us on SUNDAYS at 10 AM at Black Box Theater Indian Head. We welcome you to a relaxed and authentic family-friendly environment where you are encouraged to come as you are. We have children's ministry (BRIDGE Kids) for ages 8 weeks – 5th grade. After sharing their memory verse and opening kid's song, littles age 3 – 5th grade transition to their own fun and creative spaces for an engaging age-appropriate experience. Infants and toddlers are checked-in to BRIDGE Kids prior to service, where our staff and volunteers provide a safe and loving learning environment. For more information go to www.bridgeih.church or call 301-841-6212.





Midweek Bible Study for older teens and adults is hosted by BRIDGE Church. Wednesdays 6:30-8. January 10th – May 22nd in our upstairs church spaces. During the study we dig deeper into the Biblical passage from the previous Sunday's sermon and discuss relevant application for our daily lives. Study guides and all materials are provided. Come join us, all are welcome. The group will not meet on Mar 27th or Apr 3rd. Go to our website at www.bridgeih.church or call 301-841-6212.

Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 a.m. This will be a family service, all are welcome.

Indian Head Baptist Church: Sunday morning at 10:30am, Adult Sunday school at 9:15am on Sundays as well. Special service on Sunday, December 24 at 6:00pm.

St. James Episcopal Church: The people of God at St. James' Episcopal Church in Indian Head worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. All Sunday services are offered in-person, on Zoom, and Facebook. All are welcome!

Please join us for Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. through our Facebook page.

The Season of Advent (a time of preparation for Christmas) begins on Sunday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.

A Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 24th at 5 p.m. during our Christmas Eve Service. The Pageant and the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be offered in-person, on Zoom and Facebook. There will **not** be a Morning Service on Christmas Eve. Anyone interested in participating in the Pageant should call Brenda at 301-399-2779.

Please join us for a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 31st, at 10:30 a.m. It will be offered in-person, on Zoom, and Facebook. All are welcome!

Our Community Spaghetti Dinner will be offered again on January 29th from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. As always there is no charge for this meal!

Our Famous Fish Fry returns on Friday February 9th and another one on February 23rd from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. for take-out!

We will have a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13th from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and there will be NO CHARGE! Pancakes, apple sauce, sausages and scrambled eggs will be served. Take Out and dine-in are available!

We offer free Wi-Fi access to our community. You can come to the parking lot and sit in your car to use this service.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church
Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am
Saturday Services 5:00pm
Confessions Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30pm
Special Devotions 7:30am mass on the 1st Friday and 1st Saturday of each month
301-753-9177

Indian Head Baptist
Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday, Morning Worship 10:30am
301-743-3707

St James Episcopal
Sundays 10:30am in person & via Zoom & Facebook
301-743-2366

Indian Head Church of the Nazarene
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday AM Worship 11:00am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
240-766-5066

Indian Head United Methodist Church
Sunday School 9:30am, Worship 11:00am
301-743-2312

Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community Church
Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Tuesday Discipleship Training 7:30pm
Thursday Bible Study 7:30pm
301-743-6014

Congregation SHA'ARE Shalom
Services 1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday every month.
301-645-4606
www.shareshalomsomd.org

Indian Head Worship Center
Sunday Christian Education 9:30am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday Youth & Young Adult Service 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Friday Evangelical Service 7:30pm
301-743-7772

Cornerstone AME
Sunday Morning Service 10:30am
301-743-6607

New Life Christian Ministries, Int'l
Worship Service—Sunday 12:00pm
Bible Study—Tuesday 7:00pm
240-377-8919

BRIDGE Church
Sunday Services at 10am, Black Box Theatre
Children's Ministry, Birth - 5th Grade during service.

HOLIDAY/WINTER FIRE SAFETY

The holiday season is intended to be cheerful and loaded with family memories. Unfortunately, this time of year is also full of busy days and nights for all as we try to find time to shop, attend gatherings and plan time for family. With all these tasks, this time of year is suspect to many short cuts as we try to meet the required time frames and schedules we have set for ourselves. Unfortunately many of us get so busy and caught up in the hustle and bustle of this time of year that we tend to pay less attention to the details and take many shortcuts especially when it comes to cooking for the Holidays, decorating for the season and heating our home during the cold months, which can result in tragedy from fire damage, injuries and even deaths. In an effort to make this time of year incident free and safe for all, the Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. would like to offer the following Fire safety tips to all:

Cooking Safety:

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. Family, especially children, love to be involved with the preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important all year but especially during the holiday season when there is a lot of activity and people at home. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. In addition, cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries this time of year. Here are some cooking safety tips to help keep you and your family safe in the kitchen.

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- Be sure to stay in the kitchen when you're frying, broiling or baking any food. If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, have an adult watch the cooking or turn the stove off.
- If you're simmering, roasting or broiling, be sure to check it regularly and use a timer to remind you of cooking times.
- STAY ALERT! Be sure to be well rested and try to stay away from alcohol to reduce your chances of fatigue and altered mental status.
- Be careful around the burners and heating elements, keep all potholders, oven mitts and other combustibles away from the heat.
- Be sure to wear short, close-fitting or tight rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle over the stove burners and can catch on fire.
- Be sure to have a Kid-Free Zone around the stove and oven. This is an area of 3 feet and prevent children from getting too close to the appliances and possibly getting burned. If a fire on the stove occurs, please remember the following:
  - **STAY CALM,** Smother the fire by placing a lid on top of the pan. Turn the burner off and allow the pan to cool completely before removing it from the stove.
- If a fire occurs in the oven, leave the door closed as fresh air will cause the fire to accelerate.
- Turn the oven off and allow it to cool completely before opening the door.

Home Heating:

The leading cause of residential fires during the winter months is heating appliances and the misuse of these devices. The following are some safety tips that need to be observed when using any form of heating devices within your home.

- Be sure to follow the manufacturer's operating and maintenance instructions.
- When buying a space heater, be sure to look for the UL or FM testing laboratory label. This ensures the heater has been tested by a safety laboratory and certified.
- Ensure the heater is equipped with an emergency tip-over device. This will ensure that if the heater is knocked or tipped over it will shut off automatically.
- Be sure to use only the appropriate fuel in these heaters, using the wrong or inappropriate fuels can lead to an explosion, fire and serious injury.
- If you use a fireplace for heating your home be sure to have it professionally cleaned and inspected each year.
- Always use a fire screen and burn only appropriate materials.
- Be sure to properly dispose of the ashes in a metal container and store it away from your home.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:

Carbon monoxide is an odorless and tasteless gas that can make you and your family members sick and can even cause death. Some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache and dizziness, nausea, convulsions, respiratory arrest which can lead to death. Carbon monoxide is caused by the incomplete combustion of fuel products such as fuel oil, propane, natural gas and even the log in your fireplace. If you heat your home with any of these types of fossil fuels, please follow these simple tips to help keep your family safe;

- Be sure to install at least one Carbon Monoxide alarm in your home.
- These devices should be placed either in the hallways or in the sleeping areas of the home.
- Purchase a device that is electric with a battery backup to ensure they work in the event of a power failure.
- Should your detector go into alarm, leave your home as is and contact the fire department. By opening windows and doors in an attempt to ventilate the home, the fire department could get false readings on their meters.
- Be sure to replace the battery in these devices annually just as you would in a smoke alarm to ensure their operability.

Holiday Decorations:

- Be sure to purchase and use only UL or FM approved indoor and outdoor lighting and decorations.
- Be sure all electrical cords are in proper working condition with no frayed or damaged areas.
- Never attempt to repair any lighting or extension cords; this could cause a fire due to a short circuit.
- Never overload electrical outlets, all the manufacturers strongly recommend not to link more than three strands of lights together on one extension cord or power supply.
- Be sure to connect all lighting to the extension cords before plugging the cord into an outlet to reduce a power surge on the electrical system.
- Check all wiring periodically, they should never be warm or hot to the touch. If they do

become warm or hot, you should disconnect them immediately and replace them.
- Be sure to turn off or unplug all lighting and decorations when you're not at home or go to bed.
- Never leave holiday lighting unattended.

Christmas Trees:
According to the United States Fire Administration, during the past 5 years U.S. fire departments have responded to an average of 250 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. These fires caused an average of 14 deaths, 26 injuries, and $13.8 million in direct property damage annually.
- When using a live Christmas tree be sure to choose a freshly cut one. The needles should be green and hard to pull off the branches.
- Tap the tree on the ground and see if the needles fall off, if they do the tree has begun to dry out and could be a severe fire hazard.
- Before setting the tree up in your home, cut one to two inches off the trunk to allow the tree to draw water from the stand more evenly.
- Be sure to use a stand with a base for better balance and a deep-water reservoir to immerse the trunk. This will allow for ample water helping to keep the tree fresh.
- Be sure to check the water level daily and add water as needed.
- Keep the tree away from all heat sources such as fireplaces, heat registers and portable heaters to prevent it from drying out.
- Be sure to set the tree up out of traffic areas to prevent it from being knocked over and from blocking your exit from the home in the event of an emergency.
- Be sure to dispose of your tree properly before it dries out by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.
- If you are using an artificial tree, be sure that it has the UL or FM label on it.

Candle Safety:
- Try to use the jar type as they are enclosed and less likely to tip over.
- Make sure they are out of the reach of children and pets.
- Keep them away from all flammable or combustible material.
- Ensure they are not in the path of egress or block the way out of your home.
- Be sure to blow them out whenever you leave your home.
- **NEVER** use candles on a Christmas tree.

DID YOU KNOW:
- About 3,500 Americans die each year in fires and about 20,000 are injured.
- 80% of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over $990 million in damage annually.
- Smoke alarms increase your chance of surviving a fire in your home by 50%
- Every home should have at least one smoke alarm installed on each floor.
- Per manufacturer's specifications, all smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

- According to the new Maryland Law, if you are replacing your existing battery-operated smoke alarms you must replace them with a new 10-year battery device. This includes even the ones that are hard-wired with battery backup.

The Indian Head Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. By following these basic safety tips, you and your family enjoy a Fire Safe Holiday Season. For more information on Fire/Life Safety or if you have any questions contact the fire station at 301-743-3900 or 301-753-9400.



CODE ENFORCEMENT—HIGHLIGHTED CODES OF THE QUARTER

IPMC 302.5 Rodent harborage. Structures and *exterior property* shall be kept free from rodent harborage and *infestation*. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by *approved* processes that will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, property precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.

IPMC 302.8 Motor vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicles shall not be parked, kept or stored on any *premises,* and vehicles shall not at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth.

TIHC 135-14H Additional parking regulations. No person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle designed or used for carrying freight or merchandise in front of, alongside of or in the rear of any private dwelling, except when actually unloading merchandise or when the operator or owner of such vehicle is actually engaged in rendering a service at or to such premises.

Business Highlights



Indian Head
Center for the Arts

Book your events at the Black Box Theater / Indian Head Center for the Arts!

Why the Box? The Black Box Theater is an 85 seat venue with 118 capacity available for rent. Ask about our affordable and individualized rental policies.

With professional lighting and sound, comfortable seating and patron amenities, our intimate Black Box presentation space is perfect for a wide range of uses. They include the following: auditions, rehearsals, concerts, dance performances, fundraising events, seminars and workshops, photography shoots, plays and musicals, poetry readings, recitals, studio space for filming TV shows, movies and commercials.

Contact

Phone: 301-743-3040

Website: www.indianheadblackbox.com

Email: pam@indianheadblackbox.org


Town of Indian Head
Annual Tree Lighting
&
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL!
Saturday, December 2, 2023
5pm to 8pm
The event will kickoff with the Tree Lighting & the arrival of Santa Claus!
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Delicous food for sale from County Manners
Tasty hot apple cider for sale from Clarity Coffee

COMMUNITY
LOVE IN ACTION



FREE COMMUNITY FEAST

Saturday, December 9, 2023
1:00 p.m. – While Quantities Last
First Come – First Served
Location: Indian Head Pavilion – Indian Head, MD 20640

Drive Thru Event



Partnering Churches
Gospel Union Church of Christ
New Life Christian Ministries, Int'l.
Free Gospel Church of Bryans Road
Smith Chapel United Methodist Church
Grace Baptist Church
Macedonia Baptist Church