



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
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Holiday Closings

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

Good Friday
Friday, April 15
NO Trash Pickup
Memorial Day
Monday, May 30
NO Trash Pickup

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 Spring Town Meetings will take place on Mon., Mar. 7, Mon., Apr. 4, & Mon., May 2. The Town Council will be testing a hybrid meeting format in March. Residents will be able to attend the meeting in person at the Village Green Pavilion or they can continue to attend virtually by going to <https://gotomeet.me/TOIH> You can also dial in using your phone, 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 135-757-733

Planning Commission: Wed., Mar. 16, Wed., Apr. 20, & Wed., May 18. The meetings are held on GoToMeeting at 5:30pm. You may log in for the 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. Mar. 23, Wed. Apr. 27 & Wed. May 25. The meetings are held on GoToMeeting at 3:30pm. You may log in for the 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 FY23 Budget Public Hearing: Thurs., Apr. 21, 7:00pm, Village Green Pavilion. The Town Manager & staff with the Town Council will present the Town FY23 budget and field questions from citizens.

Upcoming Events

Charles County Health Department and the National Guard - Walk Up COVID Testing & Vaccination Clinics will continue to be held at the Village Green Pavilion on Mondays, from 9:30am to 1:30pm. For additional information please contact the Charles County Health Department - 301-609-6717 (*The Town will try to update the "Notice" section of the website if the schedule changes*)

Daytime Star Party: The Charles County Public Library will host a Public Daytime Star Party with the Southern Maryland Astronomical Society on Sat., Mar. 26, 10:00am - 1:00pm at the Village Green Park. This event is weather permitting ONLY, no rain date.

The Charles County Early Childhood Advisory Council Presents - Blue Sky Puppet Theatre Performing Pig Tales: Wed. Apr. 6, 10am, the outdoor theater at the Village Green Pavilion. Ages 2 - 5. Registration is required. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQRNS8M> to complete the registration survey.

Spring Celebration: Sat., Apr. 9, Noon - 3pm, Village Green Park. Fun spring activities, candy bags (while supplies last), raffle for a large basket full of spring goodies and a fun spring photo spot! Please check the Town's website for further event information as it becomes available.

Bike to Work Day 2022: The Tri-County Council will be returning the Bike to Work Day event to Indian Head this year on Fri., May 20th! Registration will be opening in March, at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. To receive a free t-shirt you must be registered 1 week in advance of the event. Please keep an eye on the Town's website for more details!

Please make sure to check the Town's website, www.townofindianhead.org to stay up to date on any changes to the upcoming meetings and Town sponsored events. Follow us on the Town of Indian Head Facebook Page

Weekly Food Distribution Events

Lifestyles - End Hunger Charles County Care Cabana Food Distribution: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11am - 3pm, Outside of the Black Box Theatre.

In His Service Community Ministry Grocery Bag Food Giveaways (7305 Indian Head Highway, Bryans Road, MD 20616): 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 1pm - 4pm.

Mayor's Message by Brandon Paulin

Hello all,

Spring is approaching! That also means more pedestrians and kids will be outside walking and playing in the community. Please keep an eye out for pedestrians, drive cautiously, but most importantly keep our community and kids safe.

We are returning to in-person/Virtual Hybrid Town meeting in March. So, feel free to join us online and in person. Please be patient as we adjust and learn the new format. On the March town meeting agenda is ordinance 02-01-22. This ordinance is an extremely important and consequential budget amendment that will change how we look and want to move forward as a community. Ordinance 02-01-22 would take steps towards correcting food disparities in the Indian Head community, addressing the need for a grocery store, and will provide necessary funding to bring Indian Head its first grocery store in decades. We, the town council, want to hear your input. Feel free to email info@townofindianhead.org to provide your input or join us at our next town meeting!

At this time with the world on edge with recent events in the Ukraine, please continue to keep the people of the Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers. Please consider donating to charities that are assisting the people of that region at this time.

Last but not least, I hope everyone has an amazing spring, enjoy the outdoors and I will see y'all around.

Until next time,
Mayor Paulin



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Brandon Paulin

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Calvin Barnes, Field Supervisor
EAST, Inc., Water/Wastewater

Town Website

www.townofindianhead.org

Indian Head Baptist Church has their Easter services as follows:

Friday, April 15th - 6:00pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 17th - 10:30am - Easter Service

The people of God at St. James' Episcopal Church in Indian Head worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. All Sunday services are offered in-person, on Zoom, and Facebook. If you attend in-person, masks and social distancing are required. All are welcome!

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

The Season of Lent (a time of preparation for Easter) begins on Ash Wednesday March 2nd. We will have a Service, Imposition of Ashes, at 12 Noon.

Please check our website for Lenten Services and for Easter Services which falls on April 17th this year.

We will have a Pancake Supper on March 1st from 4:30 until 6:30 and there will be NO CHARGE! Pancakes, sausages and scrambled eggs will be served. Take Out is encouraged as we have limited indoor seating.

Our famous Friday Fish Frys continue starting on March 4th from 11 until 6. There will be 3 more at the same time on March 18th, April 1st and April 8th. This is Take Out Only.

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 5:00 pm

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

Sunday Bible Study 6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30pm

301-743-3707

St James Episcopal

Sunday 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am

Sunday School 9:45am

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

202-766-5066

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.

www.shaareshalomsomd.org

301-645-4606

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 11:00am

Bible Study—Tuesday 7:00pm

240-377-8919

Town of Indian Head Useful Information

Town Codes

- **Burning**—No burning is allowed within the Town limits.
- **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

Planck 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. Have them curbside by 7:00am.

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.

Bulk trash can now be scheduled year-round on Wednesdays. Fee of \$50 (cash, money order, debit/credit **ONLY**) per scheduled pick-up must be paid in advance at time of scheduling at Town Hall. All items must be curbside by 7:00am on the pre-scheduled pick-up day but not earlier than 48 hours prior to pick-up day.

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 (April, July, October, January). **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 **\$70.40**
(per dwelling unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used
Minimum rate for all commercial customers **\$212.80**
(per unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 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: \$85.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter) - Billed quarterly for twice a week curb-side pickup and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week. (Trash must be in a 20 to 32 gallon metal or hard plastic trash container with a secured lid)

Commercial Rate:

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	\$495.00 per qtr
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	\$95.00 per qtr
	Each additional can	\$46.00 per qtr

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


Our Doors Are Open for Performances. If you have a show or performance that you would like to see, we want to know about it! Visit our website www.indianheadblackbox.com and fill out our form. We look forward to supporting local artists and bringing fresh entertainment to Charles County in 2022.

Are you in need of a space for rehearsals, meetings, or more? The Black Box stage is one the best kept secrets for rental venues. Our prices are listed on our website. Please contact us for additional information and for prices on multiple-day rentals.

The Indian Head Center for the Arts is a proud partner of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). This year we will host performances spanning the performing arts genres and can't wait to see you in the audience. Visit our website or Facebook page to see what is happening next.

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Spring Cleaning is also a Good Time to for Home Fire Safety

By Chief Jeff Williams

Although it may not feel like Spring, it will soon be here and with it our thoughts turn to warmer temperatures and Spring Cleaning. This is a great time of year to do a thorough cleaning of our homes and yards. The Indian Head Vol. Fire Dept & Rescue Squad would like to remind everyone that your "Spring Cleaning" project should also be a time to remember fire safety and remind everyone of the following safety tips.

When cleaning the inside of your home, do not forget to check these vital life safety devices and areas thoroughly.

Smoke alarms increase your chances of surviving a home fire by 50% so be sure to check these devices for proper operation and be sure to clean them by vacuuming them as part of your cleaning.

- Be sure to test your smoke alarms. If they are not working properly, it is time to replace them.
- Check the age of the smoke alarms, they should be replaced every ten years according to the manufacturers of the devices.
- As a reminder, in the state of Maryland, if you replace your existing or install new smoke alarms you must replace them with a new 10-year battery life alarm.
- At minimum, there should be at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home.

Test your carbon monoxide alarms and replace any alarms that are 10 years old or older as well.

If you have a fire extinguisher in your home this is a good time to check it and replace if necessary. If you have an ABC Dry Powder extinguisher it needs to be replaced every 12 years.

This is a good time to check all electrical equipment and appliances for damaged or frayed cords and replace them if necessary.

- Be sure to check your electrical outlets to ensure that they are not overloaded or damaged.

Remember to check for lint buildup from your dryer in the hose and vents. Dryer fires are rapidly becoming a major cause of home fires.

Clean your oven and stove making sure you get all the grease and unwanted buildup to prevent a fire.

Outside cleaning is just as important as inside.

- Be sure to remove all outdoor debris and dead vegetation away from the home to help reduce the potential of a fire starting in your yard and extending to your home.
- **As a reminder, these items need to be properly disposed of by recycling or through the Town. Do not attempt to burn these items as there is no outdoor burning permitted within in the Town limits.**
- Be sure your address numbers are visible for all Emergency Services to see in the event of an emergency and if needed replace the numbers with new ones.

- All fuels for lawn and garden equipment should be stored in an approved container and never stored in your home or attached garage.

As part of our Spring Cleaning, many of us take this opportunity to get rid of many of the old and/or unwanted household chemicals and yard fertilizers. As a reminder these chemicals should be sorted in their original containers and properly disposed of at the Charles County landfill at no cost to you. Here are a few examples of these types of products:

- Pesticides, fertilizers and weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Paint and thinners
- Gasoline or other flammable/combustible liquids
- NEVER dispose of these types of products in the trash as they could leak causing a chemical reaction and possibly start a fire.

Grilling Safety

- Barbeque gas grills should be thoroughly inspected, including gas hoses, connections, burners, and propane tanks should be inspected prior to use.
- Any old charcoal should be disposed of properly. Once charcoal gets wet it can spontaneously self-combust once it dries.
- As a reminder, it is against the Maryland State Fire Laws to grill on a balcony, and you could face possible fines if you are found grilling on a balcony.

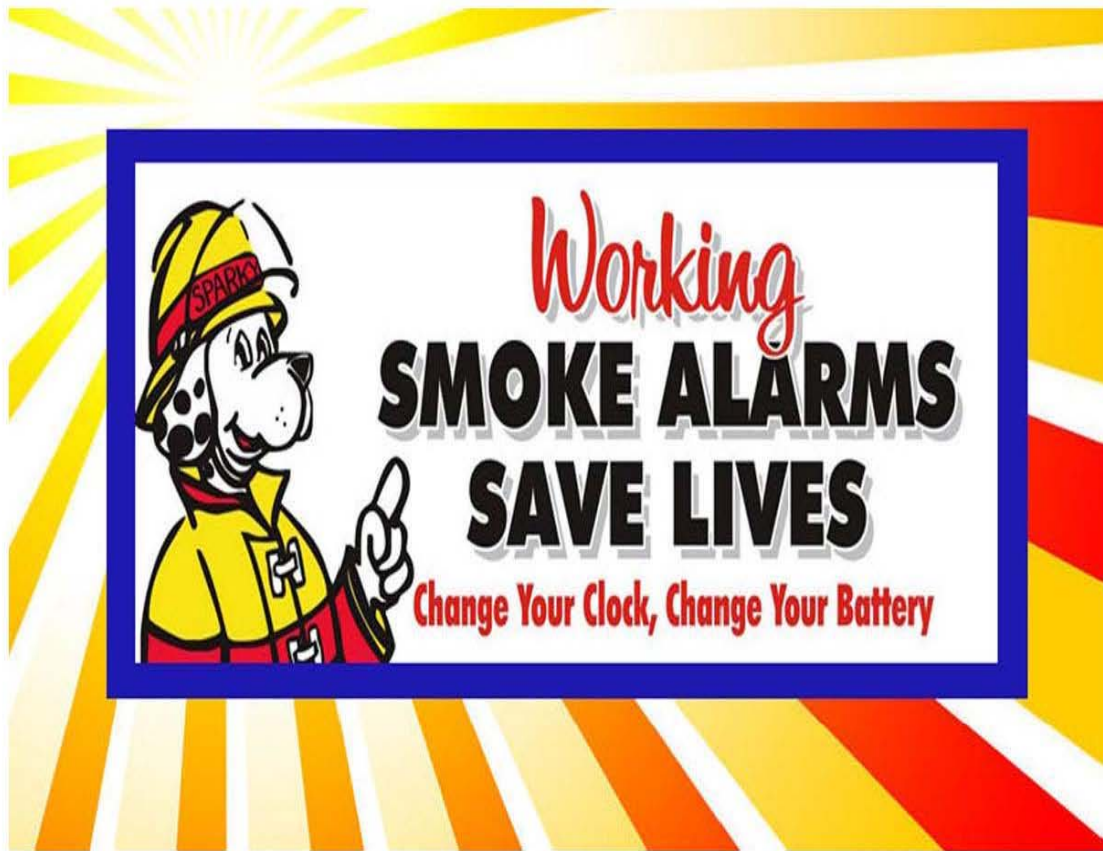
By following these simple safety tips while performing your annual Spring Cleanup you can greatly improve your family's safety and reduce your chances of a fire in your home.

If you or your neighbors are in need of a new 10-year battery smoke alarm or if you have any questions or concerns about Fire Safety/Prevention, please contact the department at 301-753-9400 or 301-743-3900.

If you are interested in serving your community and becoming part of our team, please stop by and see us at the Fire Station.



Proudly Serving Our Community and Surrounding Communities Since 1948



**On Sunday, March 13, 2022
Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 am**

Remember your Clocks spring forward 1 hour and your batteries in your [Smoke Alarms](#) and [Carbon Monoxide Detectors](#) need to be changed. This way our Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors will be constantly working and helping our Family get out in case a fire is started.

**This message brought to you by Chief Jeff Williams and the
Members of Indian Head VFD & RS Inc. and Auxiliary**

Indian Head Senior Center

For questions call 301 743-2125, messages are checked throughout the day.



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 be independent as long as possible physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially.

Important Media sites to visit or numbers to have:

- Our Facebook page – **Charles County Senior Centers** – get updated news, live fitness classes, join us in crafts or just send messages to say hello.
- Get Connected – www.charlescountymd.gov/getconnected - complete a simple form to get a copy of the SCOOP, and other enews
- Maryland Access Point (MAP) – 855 843-9725 or email MDAccessPoint@charlescountymd.gov to obtain resources and services in Charles County.
- COVID-19 updates – Please DO NOT come to the center if you are sick. Updated information found at <https://governor.maryland.gov/> and our local Health Department 301 609-6717.

Spring into the Center

- Our hours will be Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – stop in and get a copy of the SCOOP
- Meals by reservation 10 a.m. the preceding day with a suggested lunch donation of \$3.
- Fitness Classes are offered every day and the fitness room is opened. Make sure to schedule time for a fitness orientation. Some classes require a fitness card.
- Schedule appointment with our Aging & Disability Resource Specialist, Julie Hammonds on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays by calling the center.
- Bingo is back on the first, third and fifth Mondays starting at 9:30 a.m.
- Money Smart for Older Americans – 3-part series, starting Friday, March 4th at 11 a.m. FREE
- National Walking Day, Wednesday, April 6 – walk with staff at 11:30 a.m.
- Spring Yard Sale – Thursday, April 21st 9 a.m. – weather permitting.
- May is Older American's Month – Age your Way – Thursday, May 26th – sign up with staff
- **SAVE the date** – Juneteenth Festival – Thursday, June 16th

Indian Head Senior Center Project Linus group have been recognized by Howard University Hospital Pediatric ward, see letter on next page. We are accepting donations for cotton and fleece fabric and batting. These blankets go to sick children, so all donations **MUST** be free of pet hair and dirt.

For more up-to-date information go to <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/cs/aging/senior-centers>



2041 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington DC 20060

Department of Pediatrics
and Child Health
Boarder Babies Program

November 15, 2021

Blanketeers
Indian Head Senior Center

Dear Blanketeers at Indian Head Senior Center,

On behalf of the Howard University Hospital Boarder Babies Program, I extend our sincere appreciation for the beautiful blankets that you have crafted and donated. These blankets are distributed to prematurely born infants as a “graduation” present, when a premie moves from a controlled temperature isolette to an open hospital crib. The babies will then be covered with these soft, comfortable and colorful blankets. The parents will enjoy seeing their growing baby wrapped in your gifts, and are informed that this hand made gift will go home with baby.

The Blankets are also given to mothers going home with term newborns. Many of our patients have increased need for items such as linens and blankets. Your gift provides baby with that extra soft and comforting blanket their families may not be able to afford to buy.

Very few of our parents knit or crochet and most have never owned a handmade blanket. Your gift is therefore very special for our families. The blankets will help the families know that others care enough to use their time to create something special for their special little one.

Thank you for this contribution to the babies born at Howard University Hospital.

With high regard,

Davene M. White, RN, MPH
Director, HUH Boarder Babies Program
dmwhite@howard.edu
202-865-7012

cc: Gail Nunlee-Bland, MD, Chair, Pediatrics & Child Health



The Charles County Early Childhood
Advisory Council Presents

For
Children
ages 2-5

Blue Sky Puppet Theater

Performing Pig Tales

Wednesday, April 6th

@ 10:00am

Location:

The outdoor theater @ the Indian Head
Pavilion

100 Walter Thomas Road Indian Head

Please SIGN UP to attend
using the link



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Town of Indian Head
SPRING CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 9
Noon - 3pm
Village Green Park

Join the Town of Indian Head on Saturday, April 9th at the Village Green Park to celebrate Spring!

The event will include fun spring activities, candy bags (while supplies last), a raffle for a large basket full of spring goodies, and a fun spring photo spot.

Please check the Town's website for further event information as it becomes available!
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