

• NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 29, 2023 •

COMMUNITY  
—IBK—  
EXPLORER

NEWSLETTER



Innsbrook

LOCATION CODES: AC - Aspen Center • ADMIN - Corporate Administration Office • CH - Clubhouse

COM - Community Center • GOLF - Golf Course • HC - Harmonie Church • STB - Stables • LG - Log Cabin

LB - Lakeview • PMB - Property Management Building • AL - Alpine Lake





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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Property Owner Photo Submission by  
Dennis Fiehler

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### Groovy Gritty Gravel Race

Sat., Nov. 18 | 10 a.m. | LC

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### Friendsgiving at the Clubhouse

Wed., Nov. 22 | 5-10 p.m. | CH

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### Aspen's Thanksgiving Grand Buffet

Thurs., Nov. 23 | 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | AC

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### IBK Thanksgiving Pickleball Tournament

Sat., Nov. 25 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | COM

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### Property Owner Art Show Closes

Thurs., Nov. 30 | COM

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### Community Christmas Choir

Sun., Dec. 10 | 3 p.m. | HC

### Santa is Coming to IBK! - SOLD OUT

Sat., Dec. 2 | 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. | COM

Holiday magic is coming to IBK, with the most spirited guest of all - Santa Claus! Take a picture with the jolliest elf, make your Christmas wishes, enjoy holiday crafts, and warm hot chocolate. Naughty or nice, all are welcome to get in the IBK holiday spirit!

Please also have your children bring their letters to Santa to drop off in the North Pole express mailbox!

**\*Please note, this event is SOLD OUT**

### Portal 101

Wed., Dec. 6 | 10 a.m. | COM

Join us at the Commons media room on Wednesday, December 6, for an overview of your Property Owner portal and the IBK website. This lecture is designed for Property Owners whom may have trouble navigating the member portal, adding guest registrations, or navigating online events and calendars, general information and more. Feel free to bring along your tablet or computer for a more hands-on experience. Registration not required. FREE. Call ext. 9180 for more information.

### Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

Sat., Dec. 16 | 4:30 p.m. | COM

Santa's sleigh tipped a bit during a recent test run and candy canes spilt all over the field at Charrette Creek Commons. We need you to come and help pick up the candy canes! Be on the lookout for a golden candy cane to win one of Santa's special surprises!

Bring your own flashlight and be sure to dress warm.

#### Schedule of events:

- 4:30-5 p.m. - Join us in the Commons meeting room for hot chocolate, cookies, and bag decorating
- 5 p.m. - Lineup for the hunt!
- 5:15 p.m. - Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt begins!

\$5.00/per child. Pre-registration is required. Visit <https://bit.ly/3uny7cV> to register. Ext. 9213.

### IBK Explorer Bi-Weekly Schedule

The IBK Explorer will now be published on a bi-weekly publishing schedule through March 7, 2024.

### Utilities Alert" Grinder Pump Care in Winter

If you are on IBK Sewer and you have a grinder-pump, be sure to flush your system out with fresh water before leaving. This can be achieved by running a faucet for 20 minutes or flushing a toilet five or six times. If you are winterizing, let the faucet run for at least 30 minutes to flush out the system as good as possible (faucets should be ran for up to an hour). This will help prevent back ups into the house, overflows, and foul odors.

Add grinder-pump flushing to your winterization service with Innsbrook Services! For more information about winterization, contact Innsbrook Services at ext.9150, or email [services@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:services@innsbrook-resort.com). For general questions about your water or sewage system at Innsbrook, contact Innsbrook Utilities at ext.9231.

### Winterization Services

As the temperatures drop, it's time to think about winterizing your chalet for the season. Innsbrook Services can help! Our helpful and skilled maintenance team can prepare your property for the cold season ahead. Scheduling is quick and easy, fill out the online form and select a date after your last planned visit to Innsbrook. Sign up online using the link below for regular winterization services: <https://bit.ly/45ANWtG>.

### IBK Snow Removal

Having your driveway plowed is now easier than ever! Property Owners will have full control of when they want their driveways plowed and/or when they don't by using a **tool in the Property Owner Portal that can be found at the following link:** <https://bit.ly/3M4vfli>.

Once you have elected to receive snow removal service, you may turn it off and on as you see fit. *Service must be turned on/off 24-hours in advance of an anticipated snow storm.*

Plow service will only be provided for snow accumulations of three inches or more! A one-time electronic waiver is prompted when opting-in and must be accepted before your service. Each plow is \$50 and billed after the service. Questions? Please call Ext.9180, or email [IOASnowRemoval@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:IOASnowRemoval@innsbrook-resort.com).

### Call Innsbrook Services For All of Your Home Projects and Maintenance Needs!

We know owning a home can be work, especially if you don't live at that home full-time (or even if you do). That's why we offer a full spectrum of professional services performed by our own dedicated and knowledgeable service team. Services we can provide include, but are not limited to: electric, plumbing, carpentry, driveway re-graveling, leaf removal (from yard and roofs), firewood delivery, property wellness checks, pest control, and much more!

Our web page has various links for auto-scheduling of services, and a variety of other services we can provide to our homeowners! Visit <https://www.innsbrook-resort.com/property-owners/services/> to learn more, or call ext. 9150.

### Has Your Contact Information Changed?

It's almost annual assessment and survey time! If you have moved or changed your contact information in the last year, please let the Innsbrook Owners Association staff know. Your annual assessments and property owner survey will be issued in late November, and are due on or before December 31, 2023. Email [information@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:information@innsbrook-resort.com) or call 636-928-3366 ext. 9180 to update your contact information.

### Boat Removal Time is Here!

All boats are to be off common grounds and out of the marinas by November 30. If you need assistance with moving a boat, the Innsbrook Owners Association can provide services. The fees for boat moving services are \$50 for a small boat and \$150 for pontoon boats. There is a \$75 and \$150 charge for boats put in storage. At your preference, all boats can be put in our open storage facility or taken to your lot. Once they are on our lot, you only have access to it by foot and the boat cannot be moved anymore. Your boat can also be delivered to our facility and we will store it on the open lot. November 30th is the Deadline to have your boat removal scheduled for the marinas and beaches. Contact Harry Harisberger at ext.9193 for assistance.



## GOLF NEWS

### 2024 Annual Golf Passes: Early-Bird Pass Pricing Ends Nov. 22

EARLY BIRD PASS PRICING NOW AVAILABLE! Those who purchase a 2024 annual pass prior to November 22, 2023 will receive five guest passes to Innsbrook and two passes for four players at Woods Fort Golf Course!

For the 2024 calendar year, all Annual Passes include unlimited greens fees, cart fees, range balls, and advance tee time reservation requests. Passes are available in various categories depending on the amount of play and special rates are given to Innsbrook property owners. Couple and Family rates are also available. For complete details, visit <https://www.innsbrook-resort.com/golf/passes/> or call the Pro Shop at ext. 9203.



### Lunch & Play Golf Special

Enjoy 18 holes of golf with cart and lunch included for only \$44.99 for Monday-Thursday play. Offer excludes holiday play. Players must call the Pro Shop to book their tee time and receive the special. Call 636.928.3366 ext. 9203.

### High-FIVE Golf Bundle!

For a limited time only, purchase five rounds of golf for only \$150 (tax included). Bundles are limited to two per person and valid for play Mondays through Wednesdays, excluding holidays. Don't wait, only a limited quantity are available! Call the Pro Shop at ext.9203, or visit <https://bit.ly/3u1rFrT> to purchase your bundles today! Bundles expire one year from date of purchase.



### Village of Innsbrook Information

Information and upcoming meetings regarding the Village of Innsbrook can be accessed at the website below.

<https://www.villageofinnsbrook.org/home.html>





## Shhhhh... Speak Softly, Drink Easy at The Library!

Transport back in time to the roaring 1920s, a time of Prohibition and clandestine indulgence. While Prohibition itself may have faded into history, join us at The Clubhouse Bar and Grille's secret speakeasy, The Library, and indulge in a timeless and alluring experience from the era.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, the hooch is served straight, neat, or hand-crafted, including our signature Truth or Dare cocktail. This smoked old fashioned is enriched with unimaginably smooth whiskey paired with a mixture of bitters and orange express, smoked with seasonal herbs, that will have you asking for another one after the first sip. Enjoy all of our specialty cocktails and selection of fine wine at your next visit to The Library.

Space is limited and access is granted exclusively to those privy to the secret. Visit <https://www.innsbrook-resort.com/dining/clubhouse/the-library/> to decipher the secret phrase and view our specialty menu.



## DINING NEWS

### Queen of Hearts Raffle

Join us for live entertainment and happy hour specials from 5 p.m. to close this Thursday at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille! The drawing will take place at 8 p.m.

The current pot is over \$20,000 and growing! Please visit <https://bit.ly/3FYN8ot> to play and see the progressive pot grow live, or scan the QR code!



### Live Entertainment Schedule:

- Music BINGO | Thursday, November 16 7-9 p.m.
- Music BINGO | Friday, December 1 7-9 p.m.

Reservations are not required, but recommended. Make your reservation online at <https://bit.ly/3XejjEh>, or, call ext. 9206.



### Friendsgiving at The Clubhouse

Wed., Nov. 22 | 5-10 p.m. | CH

Kick off the holiday weekend with great food and good company. Enjoy a delicious pre-Thanksgiving chef-prepared buffet including prime rib, balsamic cranberry chicken, seafood ravioli, mini lasagna and much more, all while celebrating the start of the holiday season with friends!

**\*Reservations available at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Gobble 'til you wobble with live entertainment by RPM Music starting at 7 p.m.!

Reservations are suggested, walk-ins welcome based on availability. The Library (Speakeasy) will be open. **Reservations, changes and cancellations must be made by 4 p.m. on November 20.** Visit <https://bit.ly/3srhxbP> to reserve your table or call The Clubhouse Bar & Grille at ext.9206 for reservation assistance and more information.



### Thanksgiving Grand Buffet

Thurs., Nov. 23 | 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | AC

**\*1:30 p.m. seating is SOLD OUT**

Join us for a memorable meal at Innsbrook's Thanksgiving Grand Buffet. Why cook a Thanksgiving meal when Innsbrook can do it for you? Enjoy selections from our extensive chef-prepared menu while dining in our cozy, lake-side atmosphere with family and friends. Space is limited for this very popular event! Pricing: Adults \$38, kids (ages 5-12) \$16, ages 4 and under FREE. **Reservations are required by 4 p.m. on November 20.** Visit <https://bit.ly/49esGx4>, or call Guest Services at ext.0 for reservation assistance and more information.

*All cancellations must be made by 4 p.m. on November 20, 2023, to avoid cancellation fee (full ticket price). No-shows or cancellations after November 20, 2023, will result in being charged full ticket price.*

### Nashville Nights NYE Celebration!

Sun., Dec. 31 | 7p.m.-1 a.m. | AC

Nashville is a city that has it all, and we're bringing its bright lights, southern glam, and live music vibes to Innsbrook for a dazzling night to ring in the new year! Join us at the Aspen Center on New Year's Eve for an all-inclusive event featuring a decadent chef-prepared dinner buffet, open bar, live entertainment and music by the Anita Rosamond Band, a midnight champagne toast and fireworks display, and of course, great company! **Reservations are required by December 27** and all guests must be 21 years or older. \$125 per person. Visit <https://bit.ly/49ut1Ma> or call Guest Services at ext.9410 for reservation assistance and more information.

*Cancellation Policy: In order to properly prepare, reservations, changes and cancellations must be made by 4 p.m. on December 27, 2023. A cancellation fee of \$25 per person will apply to all cancellations. Refunds of any kind cannot be honored after 4 p.m. on December 27, 2023.*

## CLUB NEWS

### SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND PHOTOS:

IBK Clubs, do you have any news or club updates? Let us know! Email us at [news@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:news@innsbrook-resort.com) and we'll share your updates in the newsletter. The next issue will be out November 30, 2023.

### 2023 Swim Across America Update

The 2023 Swim Across America-St. Louis season is officially a wrap! And thanks to your generosity and support, this year we were able to fund not one, but two cutting edge research projects at Siteman Cancer Center. Last week our directors, sponsors and key supporters presented a final check for \$317,306 to Dr. Nusaya Bagegni and Dr. Neha Mehta-Shah (both front row left in photo), accompanied by Dr. Timothy Eberlein, Director of Siteman Cancer Center (pictured far left). Our doctors were selected by our National Research and Grants Committee based on their current research and its future potential in the areas of personalized treatment of breast cancer patients and treatment of cancerous T-cell lymphomas. We also heard from Dr. David DeNardo, a past SAA-STL recipient whose findings from his Swim Across America study in the area of pancreatic cancer positioned him to expand his research with a \$2.8 million grant from the National Institute of Health. A heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped make these successes possible by Making Waves Against Cancer. Together, we are truly making a difference!



Representing Team IBK in the above photo: Bill and Denise Wilson, Marc Lindauer, Mike Bohm, Tony Martinez, and Charlie Boyce

### Historic Harmonie Church & Wedding Chapel

Non-denominational church services every Sunday at 10 a.m. at 24924 S. Stracks Church Road adjoining Innsbrook. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### God and a Cup of Coffee

Join us for a bible study every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Harmonie Church.

### 180th Anniversary of Church Worship at Harmonie Church!

Sun., Nov. 19 | 10 a.m. | HC

Please come and celebrate 180 years of church worship at Harmonie Church. The service will take place at 10 a.m. at Harmonie Church, with a celebration and luncheon to follow at 11 a.m. Enjoy live music by Mike Twente and an historical oration by Gene Cornell! All are welcome!

### IBK Thanksgiving Pickleball Tournament

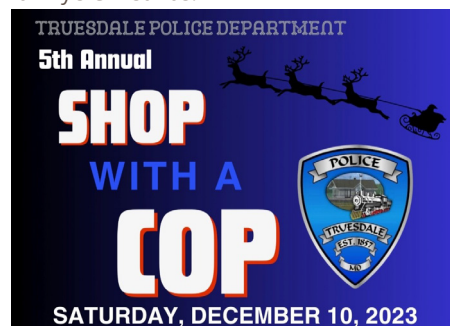
Sat., Nov. 25 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | COM

The Annual IBK Thanksgiving Pickleball Tournament will resume this year on Saturday, November 25 at 10 a.m. All IBK owners and visitors are welcome to play or spectate. Individuals will rotate partners and opponents randomly each game in a fun-for-all round robin format. If interested in playing please e-mail Mike Bohm at [mbohml969@gmail.com](mailto:mbohml969@gmail.com).

### IBK Adventure Club Holiday Parade

Sat., Dec. 2 | 2 p.m. | ADMIN

Get in the holiday spirit at our annual holiday parade! This year, we will be taking donations for the Truesdale Shop with a Cop program. All the money we receive will be given to help make Christmas a little brighter. Cash or Walmart gift card donations will be accepted. Please come out and join in the fun on December 2 and donate if you can. Thank you again for all of your support in making a difference in a family's Christmas.



### Community Christmas Choir at Innsbrook

Sun., Dec. 10 | 3 p.m. | HC

On Sunday, December 10, at 3 p.m., the Innsbrook Community Christmas Choir will fill Harmonie Church, located at 24924 Strack Church Road, with the beautiful sounds of Christmas. Please join your Innsbrook and Warren County neighbors as we celebrate this joyous Christmas season in song and fellowship. A short sing-along will follow the performance.



### FIRST IHS CEMETERY TOUR

On Saturday, October 27, over 200 people braved the cold and wet afternoon to become the first ever attendees at the IHS sponsored cemetery tour. A huge thanks to the owners of the six private cemeteries for allowing visitors onto their private properties for the afternoon. We hope to be able to repeat this event in the future.

A special thank you to the following who volunteered to help with this event: Chairperson for the cemetery tour was Paula Dooley. Paula worked tirelessly for many weeks to make this the interesting and fun event it turned out to be. Also, a special thanks to Cheri Joyce, Elizabeth Mohman, Roger Held, Curtis and Terri Spires, Fred Mueller, Bernie and Wanda Cosby, Linde Flanders, Wayne and Teresa Edwards, Mary Ann Barton, and Cece Luecking, and, the hard working crew (too numerous to mention) who cleared the paths in the wooded areas so visitors could get to the cemeteries.

If anyone is interested in helping out at future IHS sponsored events, please contact Dave at 314.704.7001



Becoming a member of the IHS is easy. Go to: [innsbrookhistoricalsociety.org](http://innsbrookhistoricalsociety.org) and download the membership form. If you have questions about membership in the IHS, don't hesitate to call Dave at 314.704.7001.



## PROPERTY OWNER ARTWORK



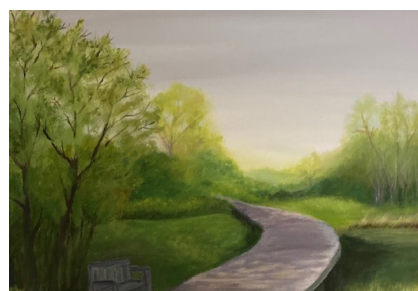
Created by Mary Redders



Created by Glenn Kopp



Created by Weston Ackermann



Created by Carol Kappel



Created by Charles Allman



## PROPERTY OWNER ART SHOW - ARTIST BIOS

Come view the creative and unique submissions to this year's Property Owner Art show at Charrette Creek Commons. Open during regular building hours through November 30.

### Cindy Cook

Cindy Cook is a top tier quilter living in Innsbrook, Missouri. Her work has been shown in international juried shows as well as in St Louis, Houston, Chicago, and Paducah,



Kentucky. Cindy is an active member of the St Louis Modern Quilt Guild. She grew up and attended college in Springfield, MO where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. While she is rule based in her career as a CPA, she relies mainly on intuition for quilt design. Her quilts range from utilitarian to family heirlooms to decorative wall hangings. When it is not tax season, you will find her attending quilting retreats and shows where she is always looking to learn.

### Mike Binnette

BFA Kansas City Art Institute



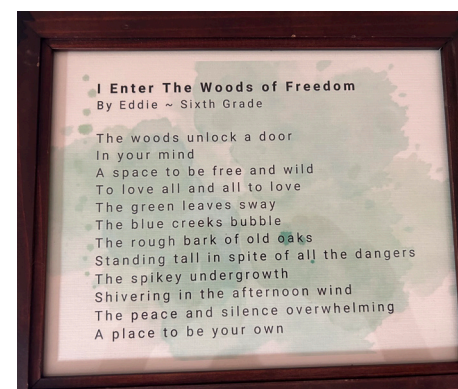
### Linda Howenstein

Linda is a former school teacher and has been an Innsbrook resident for the past 15 years. In fact, she first started painting at a few of Innsbrook's art classes several years ago. Now, Linda enjoys painting as a past time and often incorporates nature inspired themes into her artwork.



### Eddie Rea

Eddie Rea is entering seventh grade this year. This poem was written as an English assignment. It expresses what his experience with nature can provide for all of us.





## THE MARKET CAFE & CREAMERY NEWS

### HOURS:

Mon-Thurs | 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri-Sat | 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sun | 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**\*Thursday, November 23 | 7-9:30 a.m.**

### New Seasonal Starbucks Flavors

Get into the holiday spirit with new seasonal Starbucks flavors! Introducing our delicious peppermint mocha, gingerbread oatmilk chai, sugar cookie almond milk latte, and caramel brulee latte - all available for a limited time! Stop by and get your taste of holiday cheer today.

### The Wines of Innsbrook

Introducing the newest addition to the Wine of Innsbrook collection, the Reserve, a barrel-aged Vidal Blanc harvested by Noboleis Vineyards and blended with handcrafted elegance exclusively for the Innsbrook community. This fruit forward, dry white Vidal features notes of pear and vanilla infused with a hint of smoky, roasted aromas from toasted oak barrels.

The Reserve, Lakeside, and Fireside wines of Innsbrook are available for purchase by the bottle at The Market Café and Creamery, and also available by the glass at the Clubhouse Bar and Grille! Be sure to stop in to purchase your piece of enriched Innsbrook history while supplies last. Cheers!

### Black Friday Sales at The Market Boutique Nov. 22-26

'Tis the season of sales, and we have a weekend full of savings at The Market Boutique! Take 30% off all apparel, drinkware, and home goods Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24! Saturday and Sunday (Nov. 25-26), receive 20% off all Innsbrook branded merchandise! *\*Sale excludes books, art prints, and "Pretty Little Things" home goods.*

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### INNSBROOK QUIET HOURS:

No loud noises such as power tools, chainsaws, weed eaters, power mowers, leaf blowers, etc. on Sundays & Holidays. Holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Quiet hours are in effect every weekday before 7 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. On Saturdays, loud noises are allowed only between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ext. 9400

**To reach any of the following extensions, call 636.928.3366, followed by the extension.**

### MAIN GATE:

Ext. 9400 | 24-hrs/day

### WEST GATE:

Ext. 9401 | Fri-Tues | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### ASPEN CENTER

Ext. 0 | Mon-Sun | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### CHARRETTE CREEK COMMONS

#### PROPERTY OWNER INFO:

Ext. 9180 | Mon-Fri | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat - Sun | CLOSED

**\*November 23-24 | CLOSED**

### ACTIVITIES OFFICE:

Ext. 9213

### FITNESS CENTER:

Ext. 9180 | 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

### LAUNDRY FACILITY:

Ext. 9180 | Open daily 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

(First come, first served basis)

### SWIMMING POOL:

Ext. 9180

*Closed for the season.*

### SUMMERHAUS:

Ext. 9185

*Closed for the season*

### TYROL OASIS:

*Closed for the season.*

### THE MARKET CAFE & CREAMERY:

Ext. 9333

Mon-Thurs | 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri-Sat | 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Sun | 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**\*Thursday, November 23 | 7-9:30 a.m.**

### GOLF COURSE: Ext. 9203

Sun-Sat | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**\*November 23 | CLOSED**

*\*First tee time will be 30 min. after the pro shop opens. Hours subject to change due to inclement weather.*

### PAR BAR:

Ext. 9203

*Closed for the season.*

### CLUBHOUSE BAR & GRILLE:

Monday-Wednesday | CLOSED

Thursday | 3-9 p.m. (Queen of Hearts Raffle 5-9 p.m.)

Friday-Saturday | 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Kitchen closes at 9 p.m.)

Sunday | 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Kitchen closes at 5 p.m.) *\*Buffet and Garden Bar all day*

**\*Wednesday, November 22 | 5-10 p.m.**

**\*Thursday, November 23 | CLOSED**

### THE LIBRARY (Speakeasy):

Sun-Thurs | CLOSED

Fri-Sat | 6-11 p.m.

**\*Wednesday, November 22 | 5-10 p.m.**

### VILLAGE HALL:

636.745.8844 | Mon-Fri | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### REAL ESTATE OFFICE:

Ext. 9199 | Mon-Sun | 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### SERVICES:

Ext. 9150 | Mon-Fri | 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

<https://www.innsbrook-resort.com/property-owners/services/>

*On-Call Premium/Emergency Services Only:*

*Saturday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, 8 a.m.-Noon*

636.384.3139

### ALARM SYSTEM SUPPORT:

[alarmsystems@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:alarmsystems@innsbrook-resort.com)

636.742.1029

**HISTORIC VILLAGE:** Open 7 days a week for self-guided tours.



## ABOUT THE CLASSIFIEDS:

Items can be for sale or trade. Ads for autos (including UTVs/side x sides), services, firewood, boat slips and real estate are prohibited. 35-word limit including contact name and number. Deadline for submission: noon on Friday before publishing date. To place an ad, email [news@innsbrook-resort.com](mailto:news@innsbrook-resort.com) or call Ext. 9180. Include your name and lot number. Innsbrook reserves the right to edit or deny material submitted. Innsbrook does not endorse ads and takes no responsibility for content or accuracy. Limit four ads per person per week. Ads run for four weeks unless removed or renewed.

## Items For Sale

**FOR SALE:** Wood burning pyramid chimnea with PVC cover. Powder coated rust resistant finish. Built in log storage. Has not been out of the box. 18.9"L x 17.91"W x 59.72"H, 42.9 lbs. \$100. Text or call for pictures at 314.721.8433. 11/16

**FOR SALE:** 2005 Playcraft Pontoon with cover and bimini top, 16'x6', includes 2008 Minnkota E-drive motor, 2003 Bear Trailer, newer batteries with cover and charger. Asking \$8,500. Includes titles for boat and trailer. Call or text 314.808.6577. 11/16

**FOR SALE:** 12 x 5ft tilt-bed trailer. Good tires with a good spare. Great shape \$500 or best offer. Call 573.268.7699. 11/16

**FOR SALE:** Beautiful farm style dining table with two arm chairs, six dining chairs, and a matching hutch. Table legs are black; table top and hutch are a warm golden brown. Like new. Items would look wonderful in any of Innsbrook's many dwellings. \$1000 for set. Items are located in Columbia, MO. Contact Dee for photos at 636.359.4524. 11/16

**FOR SALE:** Hot wheels ultimate garage (shark attack) with 50 cars. Asking \$75. Photos available. Call or text 816.914.5367. 11/16

**FOR SALE:** DRIVE brand folding commode. Almost new. \$40. Contact 314.952.3292. 10/19

## Thanksgiving - From Magna Carta to Magna Gratias

In seeking religious and economic freedom from England, the Pilgrims brought the rule of law and self government to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. The rule of law in a republic started in 450 B.C. with the 12 tables of Roman law and reappeared when England's civil war with King John and his barons in 1215 resulted in the Magna Carta.

This Great Charter started our journey of limiting the power of government, due process and individual rights culminating in our Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment (i.e. citizenship, equal protection.) The Mayflower Compact, so named after the ship the Pilgrims chartered to take them from their religious exile in Leiden, Holland to the New World, was written by Church Elder William Brewster, binding all signers in the "Civic Body Politic" for "just and equal laws."

Self government did not protect the half that died during their first cold winter, but self determination and help from Squanto of the Pawtuxet tribe did. He taught William Bradford, the governor, and colonists how to grow crops and brokered an alliance between them and Chief Massasoit of the nearby Wampanoags. Massasoit's tribe provided food to the Pilgrims in exchange for assistance with defense against the feared Narragansett tribe.

In 1621, the first of many American Thanksgivings between the Pilgrims and Wampanoags was held. In 1863, during the dark days of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving an official federal holiday, asking God to "commend to His tender care all sufferers ... and to heal the wounds of the nation." Canada (1879) and Liberia (1883) are the only two other countries to celebrate Thanksgiving — a time to humbly appreciate the many blessings in our lives.

Thanks to the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact and the U.S. Constitution, the rule of law, self government and protection of our individual rights are the additional blessings we all celebrate together in our Magna Gratias (Great Thanks) Day.

Article written by Innsbrook Property Owner, Daniel B. Bruzzini

