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ON THE COVER: “Tranquility” by Lori Bowers
Dear Innsbrook Property Owner,

The winter’s now past,
it just couldn’t last,
with wind and snow,
rain and ice and ten below!
Spring’s now here,
and skies will clear
...it’s Innsbrook’s fortieth year!
Now, that’s a good reason
to celebrate our new season
...with friends and family having fun
all day long out in the sun!

Anyway, IT’S SPRING!... and the opening of our Fortieth Anniversary season. There are only a handful of people still around from that first year.... June, Steve and Chip Wobbe, Les Buechele, Charlie Boyce, Bernie Fagin (our first purchaser of a chalet), and myself. A lot has happened in all these years and none of us imagined what Innsbrook would become in size, facilities, amenities, culture, and activities.

It all started with a small piece of land in Franklin County in 1960....one thing led to another, Chalet Ridge, Asphenhof, Coventry and Innsbrook. Warren Wobbe (Sr.) joined me in 1969 after a 25-year career of selling Boyd’s suits in Clayton. Warren was a terrific salesman, knew everybody, and we soon ran out of property to sell at Asphenhof. Warren and I had too much energy, (and maybe a little too much German genetics) so we could NOT, not work. June Wobbe, also, feared his retirement and found a very small ad in the Sunday paper for 275 acres of land south of Wright City, and then on June 24th of 1971, I signed the land purchase contract for Innsbrook. Mr. Wilbur Fienup, who had invented the Pillsbury Dough Can....and the machinery...
to make those fiber cans, and who also made a lot of “dough” for himself had bought the property for hunting purposes, from the Custer Estate many years earlier. That first cold winter of ’71 was bleak and miserable as Warren, Bob Muetze and I struggled to get the pipe and wires into the ground in freezing weather. Our only shelter was the middle shed (next to the Farmhouse Library), where we kept a very small electric space heater to keep the dynamite from freezing. Since the roof leaked we kept our 10 party-line telephone in a metal mailbox along with a bottle of personal anti-freeze commonly called “scotch”, which was our only deviation from frugality. We never had time to consider that Innsbrook would grow to what it is now....our concern was in satisfying our very benevolent bankers, as we had gone way over our heads in debt guaranteeing loans that we knew we could never repay on the spot. The bankers knew it too, but those were different times....they treated us well.

It has been a lot of fun to build a community from scratch (or mud if you prefer) to a development that is still developing with so many new and exciting possibilities for even more things we’ve never done before.

Real estate sales have been pretty good so far this year, even with the rotten weather. We have sold 14 resales to date and have had one new sale. We have had a 30% increase in traffic, and the amount of properties for resale is still very low:

- Chalets: 47 for sale out of 1,029 total: 4.6%
- Homes: 11 for sale out of 270 total: 4.0%
- Condos: 15 for sale out of 102 total: 15.7%
- Total: 73 for sale out of 1,401: 5.2% overall

With the better weather we have seen a lot of activity, resale prices have remained firm with the sellers realizing about 94% on asking prices. Not too bad for the economic times we have had for the last three years.

The Innsbrook Corporation has transferred title to the old log home below Alpine Dam to the Innsbrook Historical Society and the restoration is moving along amazingly well... with all the work being done by your neighbors who have given their time, energy, and money to our first “community” restoration project. Check it out and get involved and meet some really nifty neighbors. Chalet owners can/should get involved too!

This being our Fortieth Anniversary, there are a lot of plans for celebration....check our website, the weekend flyer and the calendar. It also has been suggested, by more than a few property owners, that we do a “real special” 4th of July Fireworks Show, and far be it for me to dissuade that kind of enthusiasm, and yes, we can do a spectacular, Spectacular. It is far and away, always, our most popular event and last year we exceeded the $110,000 goal by $2,000. Thanks to all who donated so generously last year. If you happened to have saved last year’s program, the honor role of contributors is a testament to a fine community spirit. Nobody, nowhere, has a show of this magnitude funded solely by contributions and nobody in the fireworks business really believes we do it this way. Innsbrook IS special!!

The winter weather really was hard on roads beaches and everything in between. Last summer’s weather was really rough on the golf course, and we are working hard to put the place back in even better shape this year....but it just takes time.

The Innsbrook Institute will open its 11th season on June 10th and we will have 9 days of great music, musicians and students all under the direction of our Kulturmeister, David Halen. If you are not into classical music, you might just want to check it out....we have a pretty good reputation and it has well been written up in the music world’s publications....and many performances do sell out!
The Summer Breeze concert series will continue and I am always amazed by the size of the audience. I don’t always “get” the music (maybe a generational thing!) but it is fun to see so many people having a good time, outdoors, in a horse pasture. It’s entertainment AND a party! This year we are changing our policy, and these events are only open to property owners, their guests, our staff, members of the Warren County Fine Arts Council (who helps underwrite the costs of the concerts) and their guests.

We consider Innsbrook a “family friendly” and “pet friendly” place and folks bring their families AND their pets (dogs) to various functions, like the property owners’ Memorial Day weekend party, 4th of July Show, concerts, open houses, races, movies, etc., etc. However, over the years we have had property owners, children, guests and our staff, bitten, scratched, attacked, scared and intimidated by Man’s Best Friends. Please keep your dog on a leash at ALL times when you leave your property, and, DON’T bring your dog to any of our events, IF, they have ever bitten someone, have a history of biting people, fighting with other dogs, inappropriate sniffing, are uneasy with strangers and crowds and/or you or your child cannot control the dog. If your dog injures someone, it can be VERY expensive not to mention the anguish you could cause others and yourself. Be considerate....dogs are still animals, and also NEVER allowed on beaches.

Every year we do a survey in our year-end letter and we spend countless hours pouring over all the information and comments you provide us. We take it seriously and that input is how we steer our ship throughout the years. Some of the things don’t seem to change too much …but that doesn’t mean we are not trying to improve your Innsbrook experience.....so thank you for taking the time to fill it out and thank you for all your written comments, criticisms and suggestions...and also the kind words that you have written us.

Over the years we have had to develop a bunch of rules and regulations that everybody is tired of reading here.....and I’m weary of being the guy always admonishing others to obey the rules of common courtesy, good neighbor consideration of others and preaching the “golden rule”, AND, because 98% of our property owners and guests already KNOW proper etiquette, are considerate, and are classy folks. I always say, “Never bring or send guests to Innsbrook that you would NOT invite into your home to dine with your family….and you are also responsible for your guests.” Ah, but we do not live in a perfect world, so we do the best we can!.....nuff said! We will publish the rules, as necessary, in the weekly Village Views.

As always, we welcome your thoughts, comments, suggestions, observations, constructive criticisms, and ideas so we can improve Innsbrook. I am happy to talk to anyone about their concerns of our community....please call me at ext. 500....leave me a message if I’m not in and I’ll call you back ASAP. Les Buechele is at ext. 555, Charlie Boyce is at ext. 164, and Chip Wobbe is at ext. 169.

Our 40th anniversary looks to be a great year with all the special events, activities, performances, parties....more improved hiking trails ....better weather (we hope!), and I wish you much enjoyment in your Innsbrook experience this season.

Sincerely,

Ed Boyce
Trustee
Get Fired Up!

AN OUTDOOR GRILL RECIPE FROM INNSBROOK’S EXECUTIVE CHEF DAN THOMAS

Pizza on the Grill

Yield two 10-12 inch pizzas

THE DOUGH
1 3/4 cups water
1 package (approx. 1 Tablespoon) active dry yeast
4 3/4 cups bread flour
2 Tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons honey

Heat the water to 100-110 degrees F and add yeast. Allow yeast to dissolve, let it stand and activate — this will take 3 to 5 minutes.

On a clean smooth work surface combine the flour and the salt in a mound. Create a high-walled well in the center of your flour mixture. Slowly pour and
incorporate the water in the center of the flour. Add 2 teaspoons of honey to the pool of water.

With your fingers on the border between the water and the flour make small circles with your fingers incorporating the flour and the water. When the dough is formed and all the water is incorporated, scrape down your table and work in all the loose flour and dough scraps. Knead the pizza dough until it is smooth and shiny, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Transfer your dough to a bowl that has been brushed with olive oil. Brush the top of your dough with olive oil and cover with plastic wrap. Let the dough sit for approximately 2 hours in a warm spot in your kitchen until it doubles in size.

Punch down your dough and knead for 1 minute. Cover your dough once more and let it sit for 30 minutes. Punch down again and form into 2 dough balls.

**PREPPING THE GRILL**
Prepare a hot charcoal fire, setting the grill rack on its highest setting, about 4 to 5 inches from the coals.

**THE TOPPINGS**
My favorite is extra virgin olive oil, fresh thick-sliced tomatoes sprinkled with sea salt and cracked pepper, fresh mozzarella cheese, and rough-chopped basil from the garden.

Another great combination is shredded barbecued chicken, goat cheese, cilantro and sweet red onion.

Do-it-yourself pizzas are best because you can cater to the variety of tastes in your family — maybe the kids love pepperoni with tomato sauce, or try a nice cheese trio with some of your favorite spices or fresh herbs. Your dough is your canvas!

**GETTING IT ON THE GRILL**
With a rolling pin, shape your dough balls into 10- to 12-inch round pizza crusts. The shape is not as important as the consistency of the thickness (1/4 to 1/8 of an inch).

When the coals are hot and you can hold your hands over the heat for a couple of seconds, take a folded paper towel coated in olive oil and rub your grill rack to prepare your cooking surface.

Transport your dough to the back side of a cookie sheet, or roll it over your rolling pin. Place your pizza dough on your grill and within a minute you will see grill marks on your dough. The dough will start to bubble (BE CAREFUL — these bubbles are pockets of hot air). With a pair of tongs, turn your pizza dough over and place it on the coolest part of your grill.

Quickly add your toppings in thin layers. At this point you will want to keep watch on the bottom side of your pizza so it does not burn. To avoid this, rotate your pizza around the grill until your toppings are heated through and your cheese is melted. Remove and enjoy!

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**a note from dan**

The first time you make fresh pizza on the grill you will be hooked.
Grilling pizza is great way to be creative and it’s a fantastic way to use up some of your leftovers.

You’ll be surprised how often you can do this quick and simple meal.

Quite often I make a big batch of dough, form it, grill it & freeze it.

Cooked pizza dough is great for dessert too... top it with some apples, cinnamon and sugar, and serve with a small bowl of ice cream — pure heaven!

And don’t forget about breakfast... there’s nothing better than scrambled eggs, fresh bell peppers, Italian sausage and cheese served atop a pizza shell to start your day.

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Do your kids love to cook?
Chef Dan will be leading two “Summer Cooking” workshops in June and August. See page 20 to find out more.
This summer, the Innsbrook Stables is offering horseback riding camps for children ages 8 and up. Whether your little cowboy is an experienced rider or if it’s his first time in the saddle, these camps are a great way to foster responsible horsemanship in kids!

The Innsbrook Stables teaches confident horse care, safety practices, and the joy of relationship between horse and rider. Because our camp is a non-competitive, skills-oriented camp, we pride ourselves on giving our riders sound information and safe practice with horse care/grooming, tacking and riding. We’ll even go on trail rides!

Kids will be assigned their own horse for the week and also get the opportunity to see what a farrier does.

All camps are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is $250 per child. We suggest that riders be at least 8 years old to participate.

Camps fill quickly — space is limited. Contact the Innsbrook Stables today to reserve your child’s spot!

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**CAMP DATES**

May 30- June 2
June 6-9
June 13-16
June 20-23
June 27-30

Pictured from top: “Whispering Horses” by Dennis Black; “We’re So Cool” by the Hoechs; “What a Life” by the Hoechs.
Innsbrook is developing a new dog park for our residents to allow their pets to run free in an open-air environment under owner supervision. This 10,000-square-foot fenced area will feature a pavilion, benches and fresh water for you and your pet.

The park is located on Lachen Hund Drive, just east of Borrow Drive near Lake Konstanz. A small parking area for 6 to 10 vehicles will be available.

**GRAND OPENING: MAY 21ST**

Don’t miss the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Lachen Hund Park on **Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.** There will be plenty of treats for the dogs, beverages for their humans, a best-dressed dog contest and doggie bags for everyone!

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. **Hours:** Sunrise to sunset
2. **Your dog must be up-to-date on all vaccinations.**
3. **Your dog must be leashed when entering and exiting the park.**
4. **For the safety of your dog and other park visitors, choke, prong, pinch and spike collars are strictly prohibited. If you use these types of collars, remove them before entering the park.**
5. **No children under the age of 16 are permitted in the park unless accompanied by an adult.**
6. **Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises. Please remove your dog at the first sign of aggression.**
7. **Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.**
8. **You must be in the park and within view of your dog at all times.**
9. **All off-leash dogs must be under voice control of their owners. If you cannot control your dog off leash, please keep your pet leashed.**
10. **You must keep your dog’s leash in hand at all times.**
11. **Please do not bring food into the park.**
12. **Please clean up dog waste. A pet waste system will be provided.**
13. **Please try to prevent your dog from digging, and fill any holes your dog might have dug.**

This new 10,000-square-foot dog park will open on Saturday, May 21. It is located north of the Konstanz Entrance and the Alpine Tunnel, off Borrow Drive.

Questions or concerns?
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“Fish on!” is what my buddies and I say after setting the hook on a fish. Now is the time of year when everyone wants to get rid of their cabin fever, and Innsbrook is the perfect place to do just that. Fishing opportunities abound on our 8,000 acres. All of our 100 lakes are stocked with bass, bluegill, catfish and grass carp. Some other species are paddlefish, hybrid bluegill, red-ear bluegill and crappie.

**Crappie** are the first fish people want to catch in the spring. Lakes Aspen and Alpine have the best populations of crappie; lakes Innsbrook, Wanderfern and St. Gallen have a few. Try using small tube jigs or marabou jigs tipped with a minnow around woody cover for better results.

When fishing for **bass**, start by finding the warmer waters first, which is normally on the north side of the lake. Murkier water tends to warm faster than clear water. Lakes Aspen and Alpine are the better bass fishing lakes, but most smaller lakes still have the opportunity to produce a lunker bass. Clear water bass rely upon their sight for feeding and often will roam farther from cover to take a lure. Effective baits must match the natural environment, which is why smaller, soft plastic lures in smoke, green and brown colors generally work well. Downsize spinnerbaits in clear water when bass are edgy. Compact spinnerbaits more closely resemble small baitfish. When water is murky you can get by with using larger baits that give off more vibrations, like bigger bladed spinnerbaits or crankbaits with a wide wobble or rattle. After the spawn bass move off flats to recover from spawning rigors, they usually relocate to nearby cover in slightly deeper water. Catch these bass by fishing farther from the bank and using techniques that involve erratic, fairly slow moving lures.

Want to catch a fish over 10 pounds? Try fishing for **catfish**. Most dough and stink baits work good, but live bait such as nightcrawlers or small bluegill work best. Use a slip sinker rig with a swivel and a leader with a decent sized hook. Fish for them in deep water and at night. After a heavy rain, find where the water is flowing in, drop a line in and hold on.

Remember to keep these fishing regulations in mind:

- All bass MUST be returned to Alpine Lake. On this lake, no bass may be kept *regardless of size* until further notice.
- On Alpine Lake, you may keep crappie longer than 10”.
- Daily per-person limits on Alpine are 5 catfish, 10 crappie and 20 bluegill — this helps produce the growth of larger fish.
- On all other lakes, abide by a slot length limit on bass of 12-15” — release this size bass; you can keep fish caught outside the limit. Harvesting bass at 30 per acre is recommended. All other fish can be kept regardless of size and reasonable quantity.
- Return all paddlefish that you catch.
- Trotlines, bank lines and jug fishing IS NOT allowed.
- Do not fish around swimming areas and beaches.

*These fishing tips come from our lake manager and resident fishing pro, Jeff Yegge — a 22-year veteran of Innsbrook. Questions for Jeff? *(636)928-3366 ext. 193 jeff.yegge@innsbrook-resort.com*
Innsbrook founder Ed Boyce was born and raised in St. Louis. He went to college in Colorado, then returned to St. Louis to join his father’s insurance agency. It was at that time he began building A-frames to sell as second homes. Later, he was joined by Warren Wobbe, Sr. After completing a series of smaller communities, Warren’s wife June found a classified ad for 275 acres that would become the first part of Innsbrook. They began construction in 1971 and 40 years later the community has grown to more than 8,000 acres (12 1/2 square miles) and is still thriving. We sat down with Ed and asked him a few questions about the last 40 seasons:

Q: What gave you the idea to build A-frames as second homes?

EB: When I was in Aspen, I saw A-frames there. I thought it was a cute idea…an inexpensive way to provide a cozy recreational environment for families.

Q: What made you decide to start an a-frame second home community in the St. Louis area?

EB: Well, there were A-frames in a lot of other parts of the country. I thought it was time the St. Louis area had them too. I knew there was a market for second homes because people were traveling to second homes in Wisconsin, Michigan and deep into the Ozarks. This would be an option closer to home.

Q: Why did you decide to create a community? Why not just build homes?

EB: A community draws like-minded people together and makes it more fun. Also it allowed us to provide security – we sold a lot of places for that reason. People had their weekend homes ransacked during the week at other places. At Innsbrook, they knew their homes would be safe while they weren’t there.

Q: What is the secret of Innsbrook’s success?

EB: Definitely the quality of the people who bought at Innsbrook…the owners. They invested in the idea of Innsbrook and our style of management and they told others they were happy here.

Q: What’s your management style?

EB: Oh, some say it’s that of a benevolent dictator. Actually it’s more involved than that. You have to listen to your property owners, make hard decisions in the interest of the community, change when necessary, be consistent, evenhanded and firm on your principles…I couldn’t be a dictator anyway … I can’t afford the army.

Q: What’s the best thing about creating Innsbrook?

EB: Playing with dynamite, driving bulldozers, sharing kegs of beer on Friday afternoons…really it’s been my interaction with the Innsbrook property owners and our staff who I enjoy spending time with and getting their unfiltered feedback.

Q: If someone asked why they should buy a place at Innsbrook, what would your answer be?

EB: Innsbrook brings families together in a place free of home distractions. Families come to Innsbrook together and don’t end up running in different directions. Everything they need is here, but we don’t have team sports like baseball, soccer, lacrosse…those are all good things, but they don’t bring families together like spending a weekend in your family getaway.

Q: What’s the secret of your success?

EB: We have been able to bring together partners and staff who believe in what we do and work to make it a great place to come with families and friends. The staff treats Innsbrook like they own it…of course they actually do. The employees own 38% of the company.

Q: What was most surprising to you in developing Innsbrook?

EB: I was always against “organized joy” and we have come to have a lot of it. It doesn’t infringe on the rights of those who want to come out and recreate in splendid isolation. But people seem to really enjoy our community events and concerts. They show up. They vote with their feet. I also never believed our landscaping and garden programs would make this place look so great and I never thought the spirit of the people in the place would be so good. It makes it fun to be around here.
NOTE: All camps are held at the Farmhouse under the tents unless otherwise noted. Camps are intended for property owner families and are free of charge. Preregistration is suggested.

**Saturday, May 28, 1-4 p.m.**
**Memorial Day Camp Innsbrook Project**
Come by the Camp Innsbrook tent at the annual Memorial Day Party and create a cool beaded metal bookmark for your summer reading. We’ll have a special Innsbrook 40th anniversary bead for everyone, plus a whole lot of other unique beads to create your one-of-a-kind masterpiece. If you participate in the IBK summer reading program (see page 15), we’ll give you a special bead for every book you read that can be added to your bookmark.

**Saturday, June 4, 4 p.m.**
**Storytime with STAGES**
STAGES St. Louis comes to Innsbrook to “perform” a story in stages style. Bring the little ones to this interactive reading and performance by STAGES artists followed by dramatic play and craft activities related to the story. This event is geared toward younger preschool and early elementary aged kids, but all ages are welcome. STAGES educates thousands of students each year at its Performing Arts Academy, the region’s only year-round arts school with a comprehensive curriculum run by a professional theatre company.

**Saturday, June 11, 4 p.m.**
**Calder-Inspired Wire Figure Sculptures**
Before Alexander Calder began work on his renowned kinetic sculptures (mobiles), he created wire gesture sculptures called “Cirque Calder.” Some say this was the start of his interest in both wire sculpture and kinetic art. Campers will look at some of Calder’s early wire sculptures, learn about proportion, and will draw from life models. Then they’ll turn one of their sketches into a three-dimensional wire gesture sculpture.

**Saturday, June 18, 4 p.m.**
**Family Plein Air Painting**
The whole family is invited to take a stab at this form of painting under the direction of regionally renown artist Anne Molasky Ibur. Plein air painting is a term used for painting out in the open. Anne has been a professional artist for over 20 years and has won numerous awards for her plein air painting. We’ll have all the supplies you need to get started.

**Saturday, June 25, 4 p.m.**
**Innsbrook’s Amazing Race**
You’ve seen the TV show, now experience a race with your family Innsbrook-style. Get your group together and meet at the Camp Innsbrook tents for your first clue. Follow clues and gather items throughout Innsbrook.

**Art of All Natures...** Our 2011 Camp Innsbrook season runs the gamut of art for all ages and tastes. We’re bringing back some of your kids’ tried-and-true favorites, like the Upper Limits Climbing Wall, the Sand Sculpture Contest and the Rock Skipping Contest. And we’re excited to introduce you to a few new camps that we’re sure you’ll love, like the magic and comedy antics of Circus Kaput, a paintball adventure in painting, a photography nature hike, and our own version of *The Amazing Race*. We look forward to seeing you this season at Camp Innsbrook!
Learn about the life and times of explorers Lewis and Clark at our September 3rd camp event. And be the first to finish back at the farmhouse and solve the mystery. But be prepared for some roadblocks along the way with some challenges to face. Having a compass along might be a good idea … hint, hint. All teams that sign up in advance and finish will be adorned with a silly Innsbrook specialty item. Bet you can’t wait!

Saturday, July 9, 4 p.m.
Upper Limits Climbing Wall and Rock Jewelry Creations
Once again Camp Innsbrook is excited to bring out the Upper Limits Climbing Wall. Upper Limits staff will be on hand to help you climb to the summit. While you are waiting your turn, come to the tent to create some wearable rock art. Along beaches and lake shores lie thousands of tiny rocks that, when cleaned and polished, can become beautiful pieces of jewelry. We’ve done the work for you and gathered some beauties ready to be made into masterpieces.

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m.
Cardboard Boat Express Workshop
Want to join Innsbrook’s second-annual Cardboard Boat Race but haven’t started your boat building yet? Fear no more, here is the answer. Come by the tent to purchase all the supplies you’ll need to build a cardboard boat at minimal cost. We’ll even have sample plans available for inspiration.

Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m.
Circus Kaput Theatrical Experience
Camp Innsbrook is excited to bring out performer Josh Routh and his Circus Kaput show, JADOO. The show incorporates magic, circus, juggling and comedy in a unique, lively show. Using masks, mime and tons of audience participation, Josh will share four of his favorite acts from his 20 years of performing nationwide. Then he will show the kids some of the tricks of the trade and help them to perform a short show of their own. If you have any interest in circus skills or comedy, this is an event you won’t want to miss.

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.
Pollock Paintball Art Extravaganza
If you recognize the name Jackson Pollock and are familiar with paintball, can you imagine how they could go together? Learn about the abstract splatter technique used by Jackson Pollock and then try a modern version of that form of painting. Come use kid-friendly, spring-operated paint guns to create a Jackson Pollock-inspired work of art. Come dressed ready to get messy.

Friday, August 5, 6 p.m.
Sand Sculpture & Rock Skipping Contest
Bring your own building supplies and come early to sign up your team for Innsbrook’s annual sand sculpture contest. Novice and expert sand sculpture builders are welcome, and everyone will leave with an award. In tandem, learn that throwing a rock and making it skip on water is more than something you do when you’re bored. There’s an art and a method to rock skipping. Come learn some techniques and join the contest. Corlina Beach Sand Sculpture Contest sign-up begins at 6 p.m., rock skipping at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 13, 10 a.m.
Innsbrook Emergency 911
Wright City Fire Protection District will lead this interactive camp. Learn what the firefighters do in an emergency. Plus, learn basic home fire safety, proper use of fire extinguishers, how firefighters’ personnel protective equipment (PPE) and self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) protect them in a working fire, and how to operate a fire hose line. Prepare to get wet during the hose fighting challenge. You’ll also get to see the Wright City Fire Protection District’s new rescue pumper.

Saturday, August 20, 10 a.m.
Adventures in Photography: Photography Hike & Frame Making
Learn how photography can be fun for all ages and create a unique photo frame. Learn about composition, light, shadow and point of view. Then practice what you’ve learned on a photo hike led by Innsbrook’s Photography Club. We’ll also be creating rustic found-art photo frames to take home for your masterpieces. Bring or borrow a camera if you can, or just come and listen. We’ll have some disposable cameras for sale at cost.

Saturday, September 3, 4 p.m.
Step Back in Time with Captain William Clark
Dressed as Captain Clark, Mark Breckenridge will entertain campers with his humor and impersonations in an interactive presentation on the life and times of Lewis & Clark. Come see the historic campsite, including a 14-ft.-tall, six-person teepee. Get a close look at animal hides, Indian blankets, historic tools and weapons, and create some pen and ink drawings. Mark is a former police officer and US Army Captain of Armor with 20 years of teaching and living history experience.
**Saturday, October 8, 7 p.m.**
**Fall Fest and Bonfire**
Come celebrate the fall season by gathering with your Innsbrook friends beside a warm bonfire. Enjoy marshmallow roasting, hayrides, live music and spooky fall crafts. This is an annual event you won’t want to miss. Reservations required for the hayrides at the Farmhouse area.

**Saturday, October 22, 4 p.m.**
**Trunk-or-Treat**
Halloween fun awaits in the Farmhouse Field... Innsbrook *family-style.* Wear your costumes and decorate your car if you wish. Bring a tailgate dinner for your family, your camera to capture the costume parade across the stage, and treats to share because we will finish the night by trick-or-treating from trunk to trunk.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS OR WANT TO PREREGISTER?**
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**WEEKLONG**

**Camp Innsbrook**

**Five-Day Summer Program**  
**Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15**

This one-of-a-kind experience will take the qualities that are so unique to Innsbrook and roll them into one incredible week.

The camp is open to children and grandchildren of property owners who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade in 2011. The campers will be divided into groups by age. Each day this camp will explore a variety of nature, art, sport and performance activities.

Campers will enjoy hands-on take-home projects, nature exploration, outdoor sports, beach fun and skits. Specialists in these activities will come by to share what they know with the campers. Artist Greg Miller from My Handyworks is one such specialist who will be on hand to help campers turn a wax mold of their hand into a work of art.

The week will end with a family campfire where the campers will perform skits.

**CAMP HOURS:** Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a parent/grandparent sharing time at 1:15 p.m. And Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon, then 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the family campfire finale.

**COST:** $210 per child; additional siblings are $180 each. *Space is limited.*

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With Camp Innsbrook, we like to give Innsbrook kids a way to get more involved in all the fun things they see around them AND make it a whole-family experience. In 2011 we thought it would be fun to start a summer reading program at Innsbrook with books related to our camp programs. The books we chose have all received numerous awards, recognized as the best in children's literature. They are filled with adventure and great summer themes — adults might even want to take a peek.

For instance, we have a book about a boy climbing the Matterhorn paired with our rock climbing day and several art books to read for our Jackson Pollock and Plein Air painting days. We have even chosen a book about kids spending their summer at an old Victorian resort community as our “special opportunity” book. We hope, like Camp Innsbrook, our reading program will inspire young imaginations and make Innsbrook even more of a magical place for them.

**Make Your Bookmark**

At Memorial Day Camp Innsbrook we’ll make bookmarks for our summer reading program. Campers will personalize their bookmakers and there will be a place to hang beads that they will collect as they complete their books. Come Labor Day kids will have a great keepsake to remember their summer of good books. Our book list notes the age ranges, but all of the books are fit for all ages — though parents might have to read them to younger campers.

**Get the Books**

The books have been chosen for their relevance to the different programs. Most are Newbery Award recipients or honorees. The Newbery has been awarded annually since 1992 by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's books. We will let you know how you can order your books through us at a discount.

**Read and Share**

After completing a book, campers will share their impressions of the book by creating a picture, poem or a short book review. These can be turned in at any camp event; in return, each camper will get a bead that they can put on their bookmark. At the end of summer, they’ll have a great memoir of the books they read this summer. We will post/publish their sharing for other camp kids to enjoy.

**How to Get Started!**

1. Look through the book list on page 16 and decide which books you want to read. Choose one, two or all of them.
2. Go to the Innsbrook website, click on the “Camp Innsbrook Between the Pages” link on the home page.
3. Review the books and prices on that page, fill out the order form and hit “Send” by May 15.
4. We will send you an e-mail confirming your order with a total price.
5. Bring a check to the Camp Innsbrook Tent at the Memorial Day Party on May 28, pick up your books, make your bookmark, and start reading!
6. BONUS! Everyone who reads at least one book will get a fashionable Camp Innsbrook 40th Anniversary T-shirt!
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Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry, 1947 Newbery Honor Award The adventures of Maureen and Paul Beebe, who want to own the freedom-loving mare Phantom and her colt, Misty -- wild ponies from the islands along Virginia's Atlantic coast. For grades 3-6.

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden, 1960 Newbery Honor Award Lost in New York City, musical country cricket Chester befriends a cat, a streetwise mouse, and young Mario, whose father owns a newsstand in the Times Square subway station. While dreaming of home Chester turns the stand into a concert hall to help the family business. For grades 3-6.

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech, 2000 Newbery Honor Award, Child Magazine Best of the Year, Bulletin Blue Ribbon, Parents' Choice Award Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic voyage by sailboat to visit Bompie, their grandfather in England. Also on board are three uncles and another cousin. The journey of discovery for all five becomes especially important for Sophie, who was adopted into the family only three years ago. For grades 5-8.

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IBK Event: Step Back in Time with Captain William Clark
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare, 1983
Josette Frank Award, Christopher Award, A Booklist Editors’ Choice, Horn Book Fanfare, The New York Times Best Book of the Year
Left alone for months to guard his family’s wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, Matt doubts that he can survive until a resourceful Indian boy befriends him and teaches him how to live in the forest. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

IBK Event: Step Back in Time with Captain William Clark
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink, 1936
Newbery Medal Award
Life is difficult for the Woodlawn family after they leave New England for the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s, but 11-year-old Caddie loves the challenge of adjusting to pioneer life and making friends with the nearby Indians. For grade 4-7.

CHECKS & BALANCES
In December 2010, the Innsbrook Board of Trustees hired an accounting firm to be responsible for the bookkeeping services of the Innsbrook Owners’ Association and the Innsbrook Condominium Owners’ Association.

We have been advised by this firm to put more separation in the accounting functions between the Innsbrook Corporation and the Associations. In order to achieve this goal, all property owners are now receiving monthly statements from the entity that performed the service: i.e., snow plowing is being billed from the Innsbrook Owners’ Association and the funds are being deposited directly into the Association’s bank account; food and beverage and golf are being billed by the Innsbrook Corporation and the funds are deposited into the Corporation’s bank account.

Many owners have been sending in one check combining the statements. We are sending these checks back and asking for separate payments so that the checks can be deposited directly into the company performing the services.

We understand that this is a change. However, we believe it is beneficial to property owners of the Association to have their monies handled in distinct accounts. Thank you for your writing separate checks!

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"A-Frame Reading" by Kip Williams
Our second season of Camp Innsbrook Summer Workshops is a nice combination of some new education journeys and a few favorites from last year. These summer enrichment opportunities offer concentrated learning for different age groups — from grade schoolers to adults — on topics from sailing to painting to emergency preparedness and cooking. Our instructors are experienced professionals in their respective fields, several whom are property owners and Innsbrook employees.

Take a peek at our line-up!
Beginning Tennis
Date: June 6, 7, 8  Age: 6-9  Location: Farmhouse Tennis Courts  Time: 9am – 12pm
Fee: $70 plus supplies
Class Description: One of the favorites from last year, this class teaches the basics of tennis. Drills will emphasize forehand, backhand, volley, overhead, lobs, drop shots, angle shots and serve. Learn doubles and singles strategies. Hats or visors are advised; court shoes and tennis racket are required.
Instructor: Nancy Grow will be returning to teach the class again this year. As a property owner and a school teacher with 30+ years’ experience, Nancy has taught at the Gifted Resource Council summer camps and has coached several girls’ softball teams. She is a USTA-ranked doubles tennis player who has participated in district and sectional USTA competitions. Nancy often helps with the tennis tournaments at Innsbrook and has many years of drill experience.

Creative Writing
Date: June 6, 7, 8  Age: 10-15  Location: Farmhouse Area  Time: 9am – 12pm
Fee: $70 plus supplies
Class Description: Writers will delve into fiction, creative non-fiction, drama and poetry. The environment the class fosters is that of positive and informative analysis of student writing. Everyone is encouraged to provide feedback in a manner that is both supportive and thoughtful. Plan on laughing and having a lot of fun.
Instructor: Ted Ibur is a writer and teacher from St. Louis. He served as the Coordinator of the Communication Arts Department at the Steger Sixth Grade Center in Webster Groves for 15 years and has been an English teacher for 20 years. Ted’s first novel is currently being shopped for publication in 2011 under his full name, Edward Scott Ibur. He has been a professional drummer and percussionist for many years.

Plein Air Painting
Date: June 6, 7, 8  Age: 16 & up  Location: Farmhouse area  Time: 9am – 12pm
Fee: $70 plus supplies
Class Description: Painting outdoors, or en plein air, developed into the artistic movement of Impressionism in the latter half of the 19th century. The workshop is designed for people who have a desire or a passion for painting the landscape outside. People with various experiences in painting and drawing will take home a great deal of new and exciting information that will enable them to see things in a different way. Students will have the opportunity to develop in-depth skills in drawing and oil painting. The small class setting provides opportunity for lots of personal instruction. Some of the topics taught will involve composition, color, value, edges and problem solving. Lessons and theory can be applied to various levels of experience.
Instructor: Anne Ibur has received numerous awards for plein air painting and continues to build a thriving portraiture business. She has accepted commissions to paint portraits for families throughout the United States. Anne Ibur received her BFA from Kansas City Art Institute and her MFA from Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in painting for each degree. Anne Ibur began working as a freelance painter from 1986-1997 painting sets for theatres, designing and painting murals and faux finishes in both public and private spaces. In 2000, she began painting oil portraits and plein-air landscapes full-time. Anne Ibur resides and teaches in her hometown of St. Louis.

Beginning Sailing
Date: June 20, 21, 22  Age: 6-15  Location: Wanderfern Beach  Time: 9am – 12pm
Fee: $70 plus supplies
Class Description: Learn the basics of sailing, no boat required. The class will cover parts of the sailboat, standing rigging and running rigging, how to raise and lower sails, points of sailing, how to trak and jibe properly, visual clues for wind direction, basic right of way and basic knot tying. All participants must have a life jacket.
Instructor: Property owner Dan Wollaeger is a veteran sailor with 30+ years of experience sailing the Innsbrook waters and beyond. He heads up the sailing program at Innsbrook.
**Basket Weaving**

**Date:** June 20, 21, 22  **Age:** 16 & up  **Location:** Farmhouse area  **Time:** 9am – 12pm

**Fee:** $70 plus $30 supply fee

**Class Description:** This basket class will be fun for the beginner as well as the advanced weaver. Using basic basket weaving techniques, you’ll complete a beautiful door or wall hanging basket. Plus learn to make a wool penny rug that can be attached to the front of the basket in your choice of a summer or fall theme.

**Instructors:** Pat Vogler has been weaving baskets for more than 10 years and is the owner of Bittersweet Baskets. At her store, she teaches how to weave baskets, sells basket-making supplies, and sells her own baskets. For many years, artist Sheila Arbogast has had a knack for representing the beauty of creation she sees around her whether it is with watercolors, needlepoint, rug hooking, wool appliquéd, needle felting or jewelry making. Her teaching style is filled with patience and grace as she encourages others to find peace and joy through creativity.

**Art and Nature**

**Date:** June 27, 28, 29  **Age:** 6-9  **Location:** Farmhouse area  **Time:** 9am – 11am

**Fee:** $50 plus supplies

**Class Description:** We will look at the art of famous sculptor Andy Goldsworthy who uses items from nature to create his pieces. Using items such as branches, leaves, grasses, rocks and ice, we will create sculptures, prints, drawings, jewelry and more!

**Instructor:** Jennifer Chizmar received her Bachelor’s Degree in Studio Art from Lindenwood University. She has created after-school art programs for multiple elementary schools and summer camps for early childhood programs. Jennifer has been teaching art at the high school level for 4 years.

**Summer Cooking**

**Date:** June 27, 28, 29  **Age:** 10-15  **Location:** Clubhouse Patio  **Time:** 9am – 12pm

**Fee:** $70 plus supplies

**Class Description:** In this workshop, you will learn some of the basic and advanced techniques of grilling. Learn the brining, marinating and dry rub techniques that are used by the professional chefs and explore the regional flavors of the Americas and learn how to balance them. This will be a hands-on workshop where you will learn how to grill beef, chicken, shrimp, and even pizza!

**Instructor:** Executive Chef Dan Thomas was classically trained in California. Dan honed his art up and down the West Coast in L.A. eateries and has owned his own restaurants and catering company. Currently, Dan is a member of the culinary arts advisory council at East Central College in Union, Missouri, as well as Innsbrook’s executive chef.

**Acting, Improv and Film with STAGES**

**Date:** July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29  **Age:** 6-9 (Session I)  **Location:** Farmhouse area  **Time:** 9am – 12pm

**Fee:** $175

**Class Description:** Calling all actors, writers and creative types! Just like on the hit TV show iCarly, in this fun new camp you’ll create your own webisode as we focus on acting, improvisation and film techniques. Students will work with professional teaching artists from the STAGES Performing Arts Academy and have the chance to use their imagination while building acting and on-camera experience. We’ll create your own original piece performed in class and recorded to take home!

**Instructor:** STAGES St. Louis is one of the fastest growing professional theater companies in the country. STAGES educates thousands of students each year as its Performing Arts Academy, the regions only year-round arts school with a comprehensive curriculum, run by a professional theatre company. Recent accolades include receiving the regionally prestigious Arts and Education Council’s Award for Excellence in the Arts, recognition on St. Louis Magazine’s “A-List” as the #1 place to see musical theatre in St. Louis, and 99 Kevin Kline nominations for Outstanding Achievement in Professional Theatre in the Greater St. Louis Area.
**Beginning Tennis**

**Date:** August 1, 2, 3  
**Age:** 10-15  
**Location:** Farmhouse Tennis Courts  
**Time:** 9am – 12pm  
**Fee:** $70 plus supplies

**Class Description:** One of the favorites from 2010, this class teaches the basics of tennis. Drills with emphasize back strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead, lobs, drop shots, angle shots and serve. Learn both doubles and singles strategies. Hats or visors are advised. Court shoes and tennis racket are required.

**Instructor:** Nancy Grow (see biography on page 19)

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**Date:** August 1, 2, 3  
**Age:** 8-15  
**Location:** Farmhouse area  
**Time:** 3pm – 5pm  
**Fee:** $50 plus supplies

**Class Description:** Interested in law enforcement, firefighting or paramedics? This class teaches basic first aid including shock, bleeding, hypothermia, sprains, and strains. Campers will also learn fire safety including firefighting skills and what to do in the event of a fire or earthquake. Campers will try on firefighter gear, experience working with an actual pumper and a fire hose, and compete in water challenges. You’ll even get to meet Bronto, a canine member of the Warren County Sheriff’s Department, and learn about the importance of his job.

**Instructor:** Keith Thompson is a ten-year veteran volunteer firefighter EMT and currently volunteers with the Warrenton Fire Protection District and serves on the Wright City Fire Protection District Board of Directors. Keith has responded to more than 1000 emergency calls and has been awarded Firefighter of the Year in both Wright City and Warren County.

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**Weaving Workshop**

**Date:** August 8, 9, 10  
**Age:** 10-15  
**Location:** Farmhouse area  
**Time:** 9am – 12pm  
**Fee:** $70 plus $20 supply fee

**Class Description:** Weaving is a popular technique that has been around for centuries. Not only will you learn how to do basic basket weaving techniques to create your own basket, you will learn how to create a Moravian Star. Then, you will learn how to do needle felting with wool to create a felt design that can be put on a shirt or canvas bag.

**Instructors:** Pat Vogler & Sheila Arbogast (see biographies on page 20)

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**Summer Cooking**

**Date:** August 8, 9, 10  
**Age:** 6-9  
**Location:** Clubhouse Patio  
**Time:** 9am – 11am  
**Fee:** $50 plus supplies

**Class Description:** Love to help Mom and Dad in the kitchen? In this class, you will learn about safety in the kitchen and the grill. Then we will make fun treats like pizza, grilled cheese, fruit kabobs with ice cream and more!

**Instructor:** Chef Dan Thomas (see biography page 20)

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**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Workshop space is limited! Contact us today to reserve your spot.

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Well, by “new” we don’t necessarily mean recent, but “new to you.” We certainly program recent music, but we also program music from the 30s and 40s. But what all our concerts have in common is that they feature bands that are passionate about the music they play, they are great musicians and they love interacting with the Innsbrook crowd.

After that though, the sky’s the limit. This year we will present everything from a great U2 tribute band to a group who was invited to the Marlborough folk festival to play their brand of Riverboat Soul. We’ll hear the blues and dance to a great funk band. If you fancy a trip to Margaritaville, you will have the chance, or if the French Quarter is more to your liking, we have the band to take you there.

Maybe Motown is your musical style, or Latin Rock – we’ve got you covered. And if you think great music is dead – then don’t miss August 13. We have a jazz singer who was flown to London to perform for the Queen of England, then was asked back for a command performance when the Queen visited the White House. We have St. Louis’s “Best Male Vocalist” as well as the new band that was nominated for St. Louis’ Album of the Year.

We certainly don’t want you to miss your favorite type of music, but make it a point to try somebody else’s favorite too. And bring the kids (or grandkids) with you to sample what “live music” is like. Not all great tunes come from something that starts with “i”. We maintain a family atmosphere, and kid dancing is strictly encouraged.

This year, we are changing our admittance policy to Summer Breeze. Innsbrook property owners and their guests are welcome. The general public is also encouraged to attend (as has always been the case), but they must be members of the Warren County Fine Arts Council, which co-sponsors these events as well as other great programs all year long.
**Gene Dobbs Bradford**  
**Blues Band**  
**Genre:** Blues – **May 28**

As the Executive Director of Jazz St. Louis and the past Production Manager for the St. Louis Symphony, Gene Dobbs Bradford definitely knows his music. He is also a great performer and enjoys playing the blues on his harmonica, and occasionally the double bass, where he has his formal training, including a degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

**DID YOU KNOW...** Gene’s been Executive Director of Jazz St. Louis since February 1999 and has since built the non-profits’ earned income from $375,000 to $1.2 million today. He’s been awarded the STL’s Business Journal’s “40 Under 40,” “Most Influential People in St. Louis” and “Inclusive Leadership” awards. Its flagship program “Jazz at the Bistro” was named one of the 10 great jazz clubs in the country by Wynton Marsalis in USA Today.

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**Fat Pocket**  
**Dance/Funk – July 1**

Influenced by Earth, Wind, and Fire, James Brown, Commodores, and more, this nine-piece band wants to get you on your feet and having a good time. Founded in 2004, Fat Pocket is comprised of a standard rhythm section, keyboards, one highly dedicated vocalist with mind blowing skills, and a full compliment of horns to get the audience groovin’ with them.

**WANNA DANCE?** Rest up because this is the concert that you’ll be up and dancing in the field all night long. Dance. Funk. Brass. And great blood-pumpin vocals.

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**Fresh Heir**  
**Pop/Soul/Rock – June 4**

Seamlessly mixing that classic Motown sound with modern influences like John Legend, Maroon 5, and Incubus into one unified sound, Fresh Heir keeps you dancing while delivering their positive lyrics in three part harmony over a high energy music bed. Though they’re a young group, Fresh Heir has already reached success on the local, regional, and international level. Some of the crowds they have conquered were at the Pageant, the Metro, Iowa City Jazz Festival and 10,000 Lakes Festival. In 2009, Fresh Heir went international, touring European countries such as England and Germany.

**BEST OF...** This hard-working, young band was awarded the RFT’s Best Jam Band of 2010. Their debut album, “The Sky’s the Limit,” came out January 2010 and has been a big success -- not bad for a band with no record label. Fresh Heir’s proclaimed influences: Michael Jackson, Maroon 5, John Legend and Stevie Wonder.

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**Elevation**  
**U2 Tribute – June 25**

Delighting fans across the country since 2001, Elevation brings you the authentic sights and sounds that make U2 one of the most popular bands in the world. Elevation takes the term tribute band to an entirely new level with their look, musicianship, and heart and soul that they deliver at each performance. If you’ve ever been a fan of U2’s music, you won’t want to miss this ultimate experience!

**U WHO?** This band delivers 150 shows a year and has been featured on FOX, WGN, CBS and The Discovery Channel.

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**The Phins**  
**Tropical/Jimmy Buffett – July 9**

Put on those tropical shirts and check out this Innsbrook favorite – PHINS. Not only does this band highlight the work of Jimmy Buffet, but they also cover artists in the same genre and even throw in some originals! Since 2000, this Missouri based band has played all over the US, including Florida, Alabama, Ohio, and even Minnesota.

**CALLING ALL PARROTHEADS...** Jimmy Buffett is going to be in St. Louis on May 3rd at the Verizon Wireless Ampitheater, so we’re sure you die-hard parrotheads will be craving some Margaritaville-inspired music by July 9 - the Innsbrook farmhouse field is the place to be!

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**Gumbohead**  
**New Orleans – July 16**

Gumbohead’s greatest joy is playing music that was born in, and influenced by, New Orleans and southern Louisiana, including zydeco, funk, jazz, R&B, brass band, and traditional second line tunes. This seven piece band has opened for the Neville Bros., the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Terrance Simien, Jon Cleary, Buckwheat Zydeco. In 2006, Gumbohead was voted Critic’s Pick in the St. Louis Music Awards in the Eclectic/Un-Categorizable Category. But as they say, its better to be un-categorized than unnoticed!
DID YOU KNOW: Over the last 20 years or so, St. Louis has become home to the second-largest Mardi Gras celebration in the country, after New Orleans. And Gumbohead has become the city’s #1 cajun-flavored band -- hands down.

The Jenny Kavanaugh Band
Americana/Folk – July 23
This soulful folk-rock and Americana music group is led primarily by the vocal and writing talents of siblings Jenny and John Kavanaugh. Born and raised on the south side of St. Louis, Jenny got her start singing on the theatrical stage while her brother John toured the US as the lead vocalist for ska band MU 330. Jenny relocated to both Chicago and Nashville in the 1990s to pursue musical influences. By 1999 the siblings had co-written a number of songs and decided to record a full album in St. Louis. The now-six-piece band is filled with experience, ranging from previous members of MU 330, Stillwater, Magnolia Summer, and Bagheera. I’ve Done My Time, the band’s first album, was nominated for “Album of the Year” by the River Front Times. The band includes John O’Brien (bass), Patrick Turek (drums), Darrel Lee Barber (keyboards), and Wayne Corners on lead guitar.

ALL IN THE FAMILY: Bro-sis duet Jenny and John come from a singing family. Remember Irish Imports? They were a family band that surfaced in St. Louis once a year for about 20 years for a special St. Patrick’s Day concert.

Plastic
80’s Band – July 30
Plastic is a high-energy “80’s and Today’s” dance band with a BIG sound and an overdose of fun! Fronted by vocalist Jonny Kruse (krewzee), Plastic performs 80’s songs by The Cure, Depeche Mode, David Bowie, Billy Idol, Journey, Tears For Fears, Ah Ha, along with today’s songs by Usher, Kevin Rudolph, Justin Timberlake, Muse, Kings of Leon, and Taio Cruz. This makes for a great show and lots of entertainment! The musicians making this happen are Mike Henige on guitar, Joe Gilbert on bass, Matt Johnson on drums, and Phil Minardi on the keyboard. You’ll find them playing at Cafe Eau at the Chase Park Plaza and Trainwreck at Westport Plaza.

READERS’ FAV: Did you know that the lead singer of Plastic, Jon Kruse, was voted the Riverfront Times’ Best Male Vocalist by Readers in 2008?

Fabulous Motown Revue
Motown Hits – August 6
Only one group, dedicated to recreating the Motown experience in both music and dance, understands the similarities and differences of the Motown Sound. They are The Fabulous Motown Revue. Together since 1986, this 16-piece band features a 5-piece rhythm section, a 4-piece horn section, 4 male vocals called ‘Velvet’ and 3 females called ‘Satin’ who resemble the sight and sound of the Temptations and the Supremes. The Fabulous Motown Revue have played with The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Mary Wilson, The Temptations, and many other Motown favorites. Mo’feeling....Mo’sound....Mo’everything...

IN ACTION: The Blues, The Rams, The Cardinals... all of St. Louis’ hometown teams have had this Motown band play for their biggest celebrations.

Jake’s Leg
Grateful Dead Tribute – August 13
While Jake’s Leg is inspired by the Grateful Dead, to say they copy them would be a mistake. They tend to interpret the songs and try to put their own stamp on the music, spiritually and musically. For instance, Dave Casper’s lead solos pay homage to Jerry Garcia, but also Pat Metheny, Carlos Santana and Miles Davis. This hybrid of styles ends up working into the music, yet bears Casper’s style. Similar to the Dead’s approach, Jake’s Leg feeds off the energy of its audience, which is an integral part of the whole experience. This St. Louis band has been around for over 34 years and shows no sign of slowing down as more and more people, both deadheads and non-deadheads, hear of the band.

TRUE DEAD TRIBUTE: This band was approached by Atomic Cowboy (the mod “cubbyhole of coolness” restaurant-bar in The Grove) to play the Grateful Dead’s entire album “American Beauty” in its entirety at their 2010 holiday party.

Pokey LaFarge & the South City Three
Riverboat Soul – August 20
Winning the Best Local Band Gone International in 2010 by RFT, this unique band is sure to deliver something you haven’t heard before. With sounds from a guitar, guitjo, harmonica, and even a kazoo, Pokey
LaFarge and the South City Three have been influenced by traveling around the country and American roots music. This mix of jazz, blues, ragtime, old-time folk and swing are all performed with a modern twist that you surely will not forget!

**HIP NOTE:** This band was recently personally contacted by Jack White of The White Stripes to record in White’s studio down in Nashville.

### Denise Thimes
**Jazz – August 27**

In a career that spans over two decades, Denise Thimes has truly been one of the most cherished voices of modern jazz. With a number of distinguished gigs around the world, included being hand-selected by Queen Elizabeth II for a private dinner gala, she is an eight-time recipient of the St. Louis Black Repertory Award for both musicals and drama. Denise has shared the stage with artists like Dr. Billy Taylor, Earl May, Benny Powell, Jimmy Heath, and Tootie Heath.

**GOOGLE IT...** Denise performed at Innsbrook in 2009 and a video hit YouTube with “Innsbrook Joey” dancing to her soulful rendition of Peggy Lee’s “You Give Me Fever.” Even a quick Google search of “Denise Thimes” brings up this video in the first 10 results! Log on and see for yourself.

### Javier Mendoza
**Latin – September 3**

Returning this year is singer, songwriter Javier Mendoza with his band that features sounds from around the globe. With 8 full length albums, this band offers music influenced by Death Cab for Cutie, Café Tacuba, U2, Jeff Buckley, Rufus Wainwright and Vetusta Morla. The physical and emotional energy he delivers is truly amazing and must be experienced to be believed.

**QUITE A RESUME...** Did you know that Javier performed for Pope John Paul II? That’s quite a reference. He has also played with The Roots, Los Lobos, Ben Folds, G-Love, Willie Nelson and The Smithereens. As far as TV time, seven of his songs have been featured on MTV’s The Real World.

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**FOR THE LOVE OF THE SHOW**

Our Independence Day Fireworks Show will be held **Saturday, July 2, 2011**. This being our 40th anniversary, you can guarantee it will be one doozy of a show! It is fully funded by donations by our property owners, corporate vendors and local advertisers. Last year, our fundraising campaign brought in $112,000 — this amounts to the largest private fireworks display in the state. If you love the show as much as we do, please support the fireworks with a donation. All fireworks sponsors will be listed in our weekend booklet handed out at all the manned gates.

Contact us today with your donation or to purchase a business ad in our book.

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fireworks@innsbrook-resort.com

Photo by Andy Kastrup
Saturday & Sunday, April 23 & 24
Bulky Trash Clean Up
Bring your bulky trash items (old furniture, mattresses, etc.) to the Property Management Building for disposal; large dumpsters will be available. Please, no construction waste. Only bring items from your Innsbrook property. Ext. 163.

Saturday, April 23
Remodeled Chalet Showcase
This remodeling open house will feature three chalets all recently updated. Representatives from our Innsbrook Remodeling Department will be on hand to answer questions. 1 to 4 p.m. Tour stops will be published in Village Views. Ext. 180.

Saturday, April 23
Easter Golf Scramble
Lakes & Links 4-person scramble. 2 p.m. shotgun, scores flighted. $50/person includes 18 holes with cart, flight, contest and attendance prizes. Ext. 206 to sign up.

Saturday, April 23
Egg-Mazing Race
4th-annual adult Easter egg photo hunt starts at 3:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. $20/team, 2-4 adults/team. Digital camera required. To register, call ext. 0.

Sunday, April 24
Outdoor Catholic Mass
At the Farmhouse at 9 a.m.; bring lawn chairs (in riding arena if rain). Ext. 180.

Sunday, April 24
Protestant Easter Services
At Harmonie Church at 10 a.m. Ext. 180.

Sunday, April 24
Easter Brunch
At the Conference Center, seatings from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. $21.95/adults, $9.95/ages 6-11, 5 & under FREE; tax not included; gratuity at guests’ discretion. Reservations required. Easter to-go options too! Call to inquire. Ext. 0.

Sunday, April 24
Egg Hunt
Bring your basket and get ready to find 2,000 eggs filled with treats. Begins at 12:15 p.m. sharp at the Conference Center. No registration necessary. Ext. 180.

Sunday, May 1
May Day Bistro Brunch
This bistro is set on the Lake Aspen Stage – there’s no better vista for Sunday Brunch! Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a unique dining experience with a wonderful seasonal menu. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

Sunday, May 8
Mother’s Day Brunch
Treat Mom like a queen at our annual brunch, seatings 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Conference Center. $21.95 adults, $9.95 ages 6-11, 5 & under are FREE (does not include tax; gratuity at guests’ discretion.) Full bar available. Private rooms, $25 fee. Reservations required, ext. 0.

Saturday, May 14
Adopt-a-Highway
Join this volunteer clean-up of Highway F. Meet at the Property Management Building at 9:30 a.m. for donuts and coffee! Ext. 180.
Everyone Complimentary for all property owners!

booths and more! Live music by Serapis.

beverages, food, souvenir cups, information

fair-style party with kids’ activities,

the Conference Center for our country

invited to join us from 1 to 4 p.m. at

Let’s celebrate 40 years of Innsbrook!

Saturday, May 21
Dog Park Grand Opening
Join us at 10 a.m. at Lachen Hund Park — our new dog park — for canine snacks, best dressed dog contest, and a doggie bag to take home too! FREE. Ext. 180. *See page 9 for park details.

Friday, May 27
Shabbat Service

Saturday, May 28
Tennis Tournament
Men’s doubles at stables courts; women’s doubles at Conference Center courts, 8 a.m. No entry fee. Prizes awarded. Rescheduled if rain. Ext. 180.

Saturday, May 28
Memorial Day Walk/Run
Annual holiday fun walk/run at 9 a.m. on the Tyrolean Trail — 2 mile/5K/10K. Starts at the Farmhouse area. FREE. Open to all ages. Ice water and bananas supplied. Cancelled in event of lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, May 28
Model Airplane Show
Model airplane demo at 9 a.m. at Fireworks Point. Spectators encouraged! FREE. Cancelled in event of rain. Ext. 180.

Saturday, May 28
40th Anniversary Memorial Day Party
Let’s celebrate 40 years of Innsbrook! Property owners and their families are invited to join us from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Conference Center for our country fair-style party with kids’ activities, beverages, food, souvenir cups, information booths and more! Live music by Serapis. Complimentary for all property owners! Everyone MUST REGISTER upon arrival. SPECIAL NOTE: Valid ID required for those wishing to have beer. Rain or shine! Ext. 180.

Saturday, May 28
CI: Bookmark Project
Join us from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook booth during the Anniversary Party for our FREE event where you create a cool beaded metal bookmark. Ext. 180. Rain or shine! *See pg. 12 for details.

Saturday, May 28
SB: Gene Dobbs Bradford Blues Band
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this blues concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. *See pg. 23 for details.

Saturday, May 29
Holiday Religious Services
Outdoor Catholic Mass at the Farmhouse at 9 a.m.; bring lawn chairs (in riding arena if rain). Protestant services at Harmonie Church at 10 a.m. Ext. 180.

Sunday, May 29
Sailing Regatta
This Memorial Day sailing race on Lake Wanderfern begins at 12 p.m. at Cedarpass Beach. All sailboats from all lakes welcome. FREE. Spectators encouraged! Ext. 180.

Sunday, May 29
Nite Lite Golf
Nite lite golf starts at 8:30 p.m. Come early to get registered. Ext. 206.

Sunday, May 29
Outdoor Movie
Join us at the Farmhouse for an outdoor movie. FREE. Starts at 8:45 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. Watch Village Views for movie title. Ext. 180.

Saturday, May 28
Lake Aspen Bistro Wine Dinner with Chef Dan
For this bistro we are partnering with Noboleis Vineyards (owned by property owners Bob & Lou Ann Nolan) to craft a wine-tasting dinner we’re sure you’ll enjoy. 6 p.m. at the Conference Center. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

Monday, May 30
Memorial Day Service
Your family is invited to join us at 1 p.m. at the Farmhouse for a ceremony honoring those who serve(d) and who have fallen in service to our country. Watch the Village Views for more information about the service and for information on how to submit names to be published in our holiday weekend newsletter. Ext. 180.

Saturday, June 4
Walk/Run
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). FREE, no preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, June 4
CI: Storytime with STAGES
4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! *See pg. 12 for details.

Saturday, June 4
SB: Fresh Heir
Join us in the Farmhouse Field for a 7:30 p.m. concert featuring soul, rock, R&B and funk. FREE. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. *See pg. 23 for details.

June 6, 7, 8
CISW: Plein Air Painting
Learn the art of plein air painting in this three-day workshop. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Farmhouse. Ages 16 & up. $70 per person, plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 19 for details.

June 6, 7, 8
CISW: Creative Writing
Come prepared to explore fiction, non-fiction, poetry and more! 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Farmhouse. Ages 10-15. $70 per person, plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 19 for details.

June 6, 7, 8
CISW: Beginning Tennis
This workshop will go over the basics of tennis, including terms, techniques and
more! 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the tennis courts near the Farmhouse. Ages 6-9. $70 per person, plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 19 for details.

Thursday, June 9
II: Preview Concert
Concert event at Deer Creek in Ladue, 7 p.m., $100 per person. Featuring Natasha Paremski, David Halen, Grace Fong and Jacob Braun and Chee-Yun. Ext. 218.

June 10 to 18
Music Grille Dining
During the Institute festival week, you can enjoy a wonderful dinner presented by Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff at the Conference Center from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. before each evening concert from June 10-18. Seasonal salads, sandwiches, fish and pasta accompanied by specials inspired by each evening’s musical selections. Ext. 0 for reservations, menus and pricing.

Friday, June 10
II: Opening Concert
Jacob Braun, Grace Fong, Natasha Paremski and Chee-Yun. 8 p.m. at Conference Center, $25-30, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 11
Walk/Run
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). No preregistration required. FREE. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, June 11
II: Concert at the Log Cabin
Featuring Cathy Barton, Dave Para, David Halen and Helen Kim. 10 a.m. at the Historic Log Cabin. FREE. Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 11
CI: Calder Wire Figure Sculptures
At 4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! *See pg. 12 for details.

Saturday, June 11
II: Institute Concert
Featuring Chee-Yun, Grace Fong, Helen Kim, Natasha Paremski and David Halen. 8 p.m. at the Conference Center, $25-30, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Sunday, June 12
II: Alpine Musicale
Alpine Musicale home-concert tour, 1 p.m. Locations TBA. Fundraising event, $125 per person. Ext. 218.

Sunday, June 12
II: Institute Concert
Featuring Natasha Paremski, David Halen and Andres Diaz. 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Center, $20-25, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 18
Walk/Run
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). No preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, June 18
II: Institute Host Family Thank You Flute Concert
9 a.m. thank you concert (by invitation only to host families). Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 18
II: Institute Student Chamber Concert Series
Featuring the Innsbrook Institute Academy students. Concert 1: 11-11:50 a.m.; Concert 2: 1-1:50 p.m.; Concert 3: 2-2:50 p.m. At the Conference Center, FREE. Ext. 218.

Wednesday, June 15
II: Institute Student Solo Recital
This student solo recital features the Innsbrook Institute Academy and Professional Flute Seminar students. Begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Conference Center, FREE. Ext. 218.

Wednesday, June 15
II: Institute Concert
Featuring Andres Diaz, Miran Halen, Mark Sparks, Jonathan Swartz and Wendy Chen. 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Center, $20-25, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Friday, June 17
II: Institute Concert
Featuring Andres Diaz with 8 cellos, Chee-Yun and Melissa Peterson. 8 p.m. at the Conference Center, $25-30, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Friday, June 17
II: Institute Concert
Featuring Andres Diaz with 8 cellos, Chee-Yun and Melissa Peterson. 8 p.m. at the Conference Center, $25-30, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Tuesday, June 14
II: Institute House Concert
Special fundraising event, 4 p.m., home TBA. $75 per person. Featuring the Erin Bode Group, and Andres Diaz. Ext. 218.

Tuesday, June 14
II: Institute Concert
Featuring the Erin Bode Group, Chee-Yun, Andres Diaz, David Halen and Mark Sparks. 7:30 p.m. at the Conference Center, $20-25, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 18
CI: Family Plein Air Painting with Anne Molasky Ibur
Join us at 4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! *See pg. 12 for details.
Saturday, June 18
II: Institute Variety Show
Featuring the talented Innsbrook Institute Academy students. 4:30 p.m. at the Conference Center, FREE. Ext. 218.

Saturday, June 18
II: Institute Chamber Concert
Featuring Chee-Yun, David Halen, Helen Kim, Andres Diaz and Grace Pong. 8 p.m. at the Conference Center, $25-30, kids 17 & under FREE*. Ext. 218.

June 20, 21, 22
CISW: Basket Weaving
In this workshop, you will create a beautiful hanging basket by learning basic weaving techniques and create a wool penny rug to attach to the front. 9 a.m. – Noon at the Farmhouse. Ages 16 & up. $70 per person, plus a $30 supply fee. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 20 for details.

June 20, 21, 22
CISW: Beginning Sailing
Learn the basics of sailing and head out on the water! All participants must have a life jacket. 9 a.m. – Noon at Wanderfern Beach. Ages 6-15. $70 per person. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 20 for details.

Friday, June 24
40 Years Ago Today Party
Join us at 7 p.m. in the Farmhouse Field for a celebration of the 40th anniversary (to the day) of the signing of the papers that began the Innsbrook development. Music, food, drink and music from 1971. Dress for the era and enter to win door prizes. Memorabilia from the good ol’ days and some surprises.

Saturday, June 25
Walk/Run
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). No preregistration required. FREE. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, June 25
QuarterMax & OctoMax Triathlon
UltraMax is hosting triathlon races at Innsbrook. For information or to volunteer, visit www.ultramaxtri.com. Be cautious of runners and bikers on our roadways. We appreciate your patience and consideration.

Saturday, June 25
CI: Innsbrook’s Amazing Race
Join us at 4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! *See pg. 12 for details.

Saturday, June 25
SB: Elevation
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this U2 tribute concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. *See pg. 23 for details.

June 27, 28, 29
CISW: Art & Nature
This workshop explores the work of Andy Goldsworthy, a sculptor who uses items from nature to create art. You’ll create art from items like branches, leaves, rocks, ice and more! 9 - 11 a.m. at the Farmhouse. Ages 6-9. $50 per person, plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 20 for details.

June 27, 28, 29
CISW: Summer Cooking
Learn some cooking basics with Chef Dan Thomas and create some delicious summer treats! 9 a.m. – Noon on the Clubhouse patio. Ages 10-15. $70 per person plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. *See pg. 20 for details.

Friday, July 1
SB: Fat Pocket
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this funk group that will get you on your feet! FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. *See pg. 23 for details.

Friday, July 1
Independence Day Dinner Buffet
Enjoy a pre-show fireworks buffet dinner at the Conference Center starting at 6 p.m. Advance reservations are required. Ext. 0 for pricing and reservations. After dinner, take a seat on the hillside for the fireworks display!

Saturday, July 2
VIP Fireworks Party
Our VIP Party is reserved for fireworks patrons who donate $200+ and for booklet advertisers. The VIP area (behind the condos) opens at 6 p.m. with all-you-can-eat buffet and beverages, reserved parking, and great seats for the fireworks! Be a VIP — call ext. 180 today to donate.

Saturday, July 2
Watermelon Hunt
Watch sailors chase the floating watermelons; spectators encouraged. FREE. Lake Wanderfern at 2 p.m. Ext. 180. Cancelled in event of lightning.

Saturday, July 2
Fireworks Display
The largest private fireworks display in the state of Missouri (and fully funded by property owner and vendor donations) starts at 9:15 p.m. over Lake Aspen. Call ext. 180 to donate.

For More Information
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Sunday, July 3
**Holiday Religious Services**
Join us on the Farmhouse Lawn at 9 a.m. for Catholic Mass. In the event of rain, mass will be held in the indoor riding arena. Bring your lawn chairs. Ext. 180. Protestant services are at Harmonie Church at 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 3
**Lake Aspen Bistro Brunch**
Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a special Sunday brunch with wonderful seasonal dishes. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

Sunday, July 3
**Firecracker Nite Lite Golf**
Play nine holes of nite lite golf. Meet at the golf course at 8 p.m.; play starts at 8:30 p.m. To sign up, call ext. 206.

Saturday, July 9
**Walk/Run**
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). No preregistration required. FREE. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, July 9
**Cardboard Boat Workshop**
Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a special pre-concert buffet for the Cardboard Boat Race. FREE. Ext. 180. See pg. 13 for details.

Saturday, July 9
**Lake Aspen Bistro Gumbo Buffet**
Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a special pre-concert buffet at the Farmhouse, *cajun-style*! Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

Saturday, July 9
**SB: Phins**
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this Parrothead concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine! See pg. 13 for details.

Saturday, July 9
**CISW: Acting, Improv and Film**
In this 5-day workshop you will work with professional teaching artists from STAGES Performing Arts Academy to learn improve, acting and film techniques. 9 a.m. – Noon at the Farmhouse. Session I: Ages 6-9, Session II: Ages 10-15. $175 per person. Must preregister. Ext. 180. See pg. 20 for details.

Saturday, July 9
**SB: The Jenny Kavanaugh Band**
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this concert featuring Americana and Folk Rock music. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. See pg. 24 for details.

July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29
**CISW: Beginning Tennis**
This workshop will go over the basics of tennis, including terms, techniques and more! 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the tennis courts near the Farmhouse. Ages 10-15. $70 per person, plus supplies. Must preregister. Ext. 180. See pg. 21 for details.
**August 1, 2, 3**  
**CISW: IBK 9-1-1**  
Learn from firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement about their everyday jobs and activities. 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Farmhouse. Ages 8-15. $50 per person. Must preregister. Ext. 180. See pg. 21 for details.

**Friday, August 5**  
**CI: Rock Skipping Contest & Sand Sculpture Contest**  
Meet at Corlina Beach for our annual sand sculpture contest (starts at 6 p.m.) and our rock skipping contest (starts at 7 p.m.). FREE. Ext. 180. See pg. 13 for details.

**Friday, August 5**  
**Outdoor Movie**  
Join us on the sands of Corlina Beach for an outdoor movie. FREE. Starts at 8:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. Watch the Village Views for movie title. Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 6**  
**Walk/Run**  
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). FREE. No preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 6**  
**Swim Meet**  
Kids, join our annual swim meet at the Conference Center at 9 a.m. All ages welcome. Awards for all finishers. Ext. 180 to preregister. FREE.

**Saturday, August 6**  
**Lake Aspen Bistro Schafly Buffet**  
The brewmasters from Schlafly Brewery in St. Louis will join the culinary team of Executive Chef Dan Thomas for a special pre-concert buffet at the Farmhouse. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

**Saturday, August 6**  
**SB: Fabulous Motown Revue**  
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this fun concert filled with those Motown favorites! FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. See pg. 24 for details.

**August 8, 9, 10**  
**CISW: Basket Weaving**  
In this workshop, you will learn how to create your own basket using basic weaving techniques as well as create a Moravian star. Also learn the basics of needle felting with wool to create a felt design. 9 a.m. – Noon at the Farmhouse. Ages 6-9. $50 per person. Must preregister. Ext. 180. See pg. 21 for details.

**August 8, 9, 10**  
**CISW: Summer Cooking**  
Learn some cooking basics with Chef Dan Thomas and create some delicious summer treats! 9 - 11 a.m. on the Clubhouse patio. Ages 6-9. $50 per person. Must preregister. Ext. 180. See pg. 21 for details.

**Saturday, August 13**  
**Walk/Run**  
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). No preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 13**  
**CI: Innsbrook Emergency 911**  
At 10 a.m. at Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! See pg. 13 for details.

**Saturday, August 13**  
**SB: Jake’s Leg**  
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this deadhead concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. See pg. 24 for details.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**Walk/Run**  
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). FREE. No preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**SB: Denise Thimes**  
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this jazz concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. See pg. 25 for details.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**CI: Frame Making & Photo Hike**  
At 10 a.m. at Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! See pg. 13 for details.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**Car Show**  
Join us at the Farmhouse for a car show – fun for the whole family. Show starts at 2 p.m. Call ext. 163 to enter your car.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**Lake Aspen Bistro Brunch**  
Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a special summer Sunday brunch with wonderful seasonal dishes. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

**Saturday, August 20**  
**Adopt-a-Highway**  
Join this volunteer clean-up of Highway F. Meet at the Property Management Building at 9:30 a.m. for donuts and coffee! Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 27**  
**Walk/Run**  
Meet us at 7:30 a.m. at the start of the Tyrolean Trail (at the Farmhouse area) for our community walk/run (2 mile, 5K, 10K). FREE. No preregistration required. Cancelled if lightning. Ext. 180.

**Saturday, August 27**  
**SB: Denise Thimes**  
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this jazz concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Rain or shine. Ext. 180. See pg. 25 for details.

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**EVENT CODES**  
CI: Camp Innsbrook, for full descriptions see pages 12-14  
SB: Summer Breeze, for full descriptions see pages 22-25  
CISW: Camp Innsbrook Summer Workshop, for full descriptions see pages 18-21

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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Friday, September 2
Lake Aspen Bistro Dinner
Join Executive Chef Dan Thomas and his staff for a unique dining experience with a wonderful seasonal menu. Ext. 0 for menu, reservations and pricing.

Saturday, September 3
Tennis Tournament
Men's and women's mixed doubles at stables courts at 8 a.m. Prizes awarded. All ages/skill levels welcome. Ext. 180. FREE. Rescheduled in event of rain.

Saturday, September 3
Championship Run
Meet us at 9 a.m. at the Tyrolean Trail near the Farmhouse area for this 2-mile/5K/10K casual walk/run – the championship run of the season! FREE. Open to all ages. Cancelled in event of lightning. Ext. 180.

Saturday, September 3
Sailing Regatta
All sailboats are welcome to join the annual sailing regatta on Lake Wanderfern at 10 a.m. Spectators encouraged. Ext. 180.

Saturday, September 3
CI: Step Back in Time with Captain William Clark
At 4 p.m. at the Camp Innsbrook tent at the Farmhouse. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. Rain or shine! See pg. 13 for details.

Saturday, September 3
SB: Javier Mendoza
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 7:30 p.m. for this Latin rock concert. FREE. Bring lawn chairs. Concessions will be open. Bring lawn chairs. If rain, movie shown in riding arena. Ext. 180.

Saturday, September 3 & Sunday, September 4
Nite Lite Golf
Nine holes of nite lite golf start at 7:30 p.m. Arrive early to register. Ext. 206 to register.

Sunday, September 4
Outdoor Movie
Join us in the Farmhouse Field at 8 p.m. for a FREE outdoor movie. Watch the Village Views for movie title. Concessions will be open. Bring lawn chairs. If rain, movie shown in riding arena. Ext. 180.

Saturday, September 24
Adopt-a-Highway
Join this volunteer clean-up. Meet at the Property Management Building at 9:30 a.m. for donuts and coffee! Ext. 180.

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9
Bulkie Trash Clean Up
Bring your bulky trash (old furniture, mattresses, etc.) to the Property Mgmt. Building for disposal; dumpsters will be available. No construction waste! Only bring items from your Innsbrook property. Special recycling collections will also be available this weekend. Questions? Ext. 163.

Saturday, October 8
Fishing Tournament
Meet at the O’Fishal Scale at the Farmhouse at 6:30 a.m. All ages welcome; trophies awarded; weigh-in at noon. FREE. Ext. 193.

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9
Gallery of Homes
Our home tour gives an up-close look at some of Innsbrook’s chalets and homes. Tour is FREE; 12 to 4 p.m. both days. MUST register at Main Tent at the Farmhouse area. Ext. 213 for info. Rain or shine.

Saturday, October 8
CI: Fall Fest & Bonfire
FREE fall evening celebration of Camp Innsbrook. Starts at 7 p.m. at the Farmhouse area. Ext. 180. See pg. 14 for details.

Saturday, October 22
Schuetzenfest
Join us at 9 a.m. for the second-annual Schuetzenfest Shooting Tournament. Find a partner and shoot through two rounds of clay targets. Ext. 180 for details/sign-up.

Sunday, October 22
CI: Trunk or Treat
Join us at 4 p.m. at the Farmhouse area for our annual Trunk or Treat event. FREE. Ext. 180 to preregister. See pg. 14 for details.

Monday, October 31
Four Seasons of Innsbrook Photo Contest Deadline
Get those photos submitted for this year’s photo’s contest. Winners will be displayed in the fall art show. For entry form, ext. 180.

Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Grand Buffet
Sit down to our annual Thanksgiving feast at the Conference Center. Various seatings. Ext. 0 for reservations, pricing and seating times.

Friday, November 25
Property Owner Four Seasons of Innsbrook Art & Photo Show
Join us at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center for this art and photo show that celebrates all the wonderful seasons of Innsbrook. Want to join the show? Call ext. 180.

Saturday, December 10
Residential Owners’ Meeting
All residential owners are invited to our annual meeting at 10 a.m. at the Conference Center. Arrive early to register. Ext. 180.

Sunday, December 11
Four Seasons of Innsbrook 40th Anniversary Concert
Nature’s four seasons have led us through the years at Innsbrook with amazing beauty – so it seems appropriate to celebrate our 40th anniversary with a show featuring property owner photos of the seasons at Innsbrook combined with music. We will present a slideshow of property owner photos and art depicting spring, summer, autumn and winter as Vivaldi’s Four Seasons is performed live by the preparatory students of the Community Music School at Webster University. It should be a moving way to conclude Innsbrook’s 40th year of living in harmony with nature. 2 p.m. at the Conference Center. $10/person. Ext. 180.
Once Upon a Time...

**a passionate story**

Innsbrook Institute 2011 — A gathering of stars

Whether or not you are a fan of classical music, you will find something you like at this year’s festival because the focus will be on the human story — and that is something to which everyone can relate. Gustav Mahler said it best... *If a composer could say what he had to say in words, he would not bother trying to say it in music.* In the 2011 season, the Institute will present stories so riveting they could only be told through music.

“The Institute has always been special because we focus on the human emotions that gave birth to this fantastic music – even above the music itself,” said Ron James, Institute Executive Director. “It has always been our goal to make the human aspects of classical music our primary focus – you shouldn’t have to be a classical music aficionado to enjoy the concerts we present... just human. And this year we will focus on the human stories that inspired these works – whether real life, fictional or both.

“To do that we have succeeded as never before in bringing storytellers to the stage that can do these great human themes justice and inject their own stories in the telling,” he said.

The 2011 Innsbrook Institute will feature a gathering of many of your favorite stars from the past 10 years. Artistic Director David Halen said, “We have really pulled out all the stops on this one. We have brought together some of the most dynamic musicians performing today for a week of virtuosic beauty that will be unparalleled in the Institute’s history.”

The repertoire for this week will be every bit as exciting as the musicians playing it. “We will present masterpieces full of passion and romance,” Halen said, “which will provide the perfect vehicles for these artists to showcase their artistry and considerable ability.”

Our storytellers this year will include pianists Wendy Chen, Grace Fong and Natasha Paremski; violinists Chee-Yun, David Halen, Helen Kim and Erich Schreiber; cellists Jacob Braun and Andres Diaz; as well as a host of other artists including Erin Bode, Stephanie Fong, Miran Halen, Sharon Nathanson, Melissa Peterson and Mark Sparks.

Don’t miss a moment of these exquisite renditions of stories too sublime for words.

Visit us online at www.innsbrookinstitute.org

“Where words fail, music speaks”

-Hans Christian Andersen
Innsbrook prides itself in providing property owners the ability to do as much or little as they want.

Some owners like chopping their own wood as a way to relax. Others want it split and stacked for them.

Some revel in doing all their own cooking when guests visit. Others prefer to have food delivered, complete with staff to serve it and take care of the dirty dishes.

Need your grass cut or your trees trimmed? Need help improving your golf swing or want to arrange accommodations for a gang of overnight guests that you can’t squeeze in your chalet?

Here’s a brief rundown of the Innsbrook departments and the services they offer.

The main Innsbrook phone line is (636)745-3000 (local) and (636)928-3366 toll-free from St. Louis.

**Development Appearance**

**WHO TO CALL**

**Jeff Yegge (Lake Manager)** ext. 193
- Boat moving and storage
- Maintenance of all common grounds and lakes

**Rick Schmitt (Director of Property Mgmnt.)** ext. 163
- Snow plowing
- Pontoon slip rental
- Permits on construction or remodeling

**Chalet and Home Services**

**WHO TO CALL**

**Diana Boland** ext. 150
- Plumbing, electrical and septic tank repair
- Driveway/walkway gravel and grading
- Dock repair and construction
- Painting and staining
- Window washing and housekeeping
- Firewood, tree trimming or removal
- HVAC and appliance repair and maintenance

**Landscape Services**

**WHO TO CALL**

**Keith Thompson (Horticulturist)** ext. 177
- Gardens
- Patios, seawalls, paths
- Landscaping
- Tree services
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Imagine traveling along the Euphrates River around 604 BC and for the first time you see an expansive wall along the water boasting hanging plantings of greenery and flowers with water flowing down from planting to planting. What an awesome impression this would have made to the traveler of the day. It would have appeared magical! These over-hanging gardens of ancient Babylon were considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Our earliest ancestors understood the value of utilizing container plants and the effect they make on our physical environment and lives. The same is true today. But since these ancient times, technology has made container gardening much easier. There is a wide variety of container shapes and sizes and the materials from which they are made. We also have a wider selection of plants, and watering is certainly easier than when the Babylonians had to haul water 100' up the wall from the Euphrates!

From days of old to 2011 container gardening has been accenting our landscapes and allowing us to garden in spots where conventional gardening methods are not practical or possible.

What makes a container garden? Having some type of a container is a good start! As with any gardening, there are the basic mechanics: container, soil, design and plants. It’s not much different than planning a landscape. Containers come in all shapes and sizes. You can purchase one from your local store or create your own. What do you have lying around the house that would make a unique container garden? I have seen an old painted boot (with plastic lining the inside) overflowing with succulents and cacti. Or try the popular rubber shoe, Crocs, with cascading petunias; affix it to a wall for a lovely deck accent. Use your imagination to create something special. The most important thing to remember is to determine how to maintain the soil in the container.

Container Size  Your container size will determine the soil mass and how many and what size plants to use, and watering and fertilizing frequency. Large containers are typically less care and will give you the best opportunity for success with less effort.
The Soil  Soil is the foundation of any garden. So what type of soil should be used? Mineral soils are heavier and will retain moisture for longer periods of time but if they dry out completely it is difficult to re-wet. Soilless potting mix (made predominantly of peat moss) is easily wetted, but does not retain moisture as well. Mineral soils are heavier than soilless mixes, and the weight of your containers will impact the ease in which a container can be moved if you like to rearrange your containers on the deck or patio. A big benefit of mineral soil is their ability to retain nutrients; a good organic soil has approximately three times the nutrient-holding capabilities as a soilless mix which means you purchase less and use less fertilizer. Both soils will work well as long as you know how to overcome any shortcomings.

The Arrangement  Some folks consider designing the planting arrangement difficult. You can use the old tried and true planting concept of: “Thriller, filler and spiller method.” This is when you plant the accent plant in the center, something to fill the foreground and then a trailing plant cascading over the edge. It’s simple and it works. If you’re more of the adventurous type, go outside the pot and wander out of your comfort zone. If you have a good selection of plants with varying heights, growth habits, leaf color and texture, and flowers you can pretty much plant them hap-hazard and you will have an attractive container.

The Plants  When it does come to selecting plants after you have settled on a design concept it is back to the basics. Match your plants to the sun exposure, use contrasting colors of flowers and foliage. Combine differing growth habits, tall and erect, rounded, cascading, vase. These contrasting growth habits will accentuate each plant and add depth to the container. Look at the stem and branch color and texture; this gives extended seasonal interest. And don’t forget how large the plant material will grow, and make sure your container is large enough for the plants. A final important consideration in selecting plants is how much care they require: watering, fertilizing, pruning and spraying. Geraniums are a good example of a plant requiring almost daily pruning.

Need Plant Suggestions?  This is the part where I give you a bunch of names of plants and tell you where to use them in your container, right? Nope, that takes all the fun out of hunting for plants and expanding your plant knowledge. My biggest enjoyment is the hunting for new and different plants.

Go to an independent garden center; this is where you will find a better selection of plants and staff with knowledge that can help guide you in making selections for your container garden. Wander around, look at all the different plants, read the labels, then make selections on the spot.

When it comes to plant selection, consider combining annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables, herbs, berries, tropical plants and ornamental grasses. Just make sure your container size is suited for the plants you choose.

Once your container is planted some plants won’t grow as well as others, but this isn’t a problem. Where one plant struggles another will be vigorous and take up more space. That is why you usually see containers planted with multiple plants of different types. Diversity is always a friend in the gardening world. In the rare case where a container combination is doing poorly, just yank out the struggling plant and stick in something new. After all, it’s only a container — it’s easy to swap out plants at any time, even if you just become bored with the combination. Always remember, have fun!

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Keith Thompson has been with Innsbrook since 1994. He helped acquire our certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program in 1999 and helps the resort maintain its status.

Have questions about an upcoming landscape project at your Innsbrook place? Contact Keith today!

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Usually, as a writer I try to pick topics that appeal to men and women. But this piece is for the guys.

Girls, you are welcome to come along for the ride, but there may be parts of the trip when you are tempted to question why in the world anyone would care about an old shaving kit, a fishing pole that doesn’t work or a stuffed sailfish with tattered fins and a broken tip. You may actually side with my wife at the thought of a basement full of Dutch ovens, cast-iron pans, weathered canvas, an old rifle and kerosene lamps. You may even take up her battle cry: “Garage Sale!”

So guys, it’s time to get your best Ernest Hemingway on and think about the men in your life. Your grandfathers, your dad, maybe your scoutmaster, a teacher or maybe even a boss.

Chances are you probably had a guy in your life who loved the outdoors, or worked with his hands, or was in the military – a guys’ guy. If you were lucky, he shared his passion with you. Maybe he taught you to fish or shoot or know what wild plants are edible. Maybe he taught you to sail, or frame a wall, or change a tire. Perhaps he showed you how to play an instrument, ride a horse, pitch a tent or cook over a campfire.

While you were with him you learned from what he had to say, and more important, you learned from who he was. You learned not to complain when things got tough. You learned how to work, to fail, and to try again. You learned to listen… then talk. And you learned to laugh.

And if you were really lucky, you have something to remember him by. Maybe it’s an old canvas tent you camped in or a cast-iron frying pan or a fishing pole or a favorite tool. Perhaps you have the rifle he taught you to shoot with or a lamp you took camping. Me – I caught my limit.

My Grandpa Paul was such a man. During the Depression, his father left and he had to drop out of high school to take care of his brothers and sisters. He wrestled for money at county fairs among other odd jobs. When he had six kids of his own, he started a business that flourished and he was able to travel to Florida every year and fish for Marlin Hemingway-style. Besides a knowledge of several wrestling moves (most of which are illegal in sanctioned matches), I have a Marlin he taught me how to rescue from a dumpster after he had died.

My Grandpa Bob was also a Depression-era dad who supported his family by taking every job that came along. He worked in the civilian conservation corps, and I have his web belt and shaving kit from that time. He worked in a factory after that (inhaling asbestos all along the way) until the factory closed. In the course of that time, he raised two smart, independent girls. Then he worked as a handyman until the asbestos finally took its toll. He loved the outdoors… hunting, fishing, gigging frogs. I have his fishing gear, a rifle, some tools and several dog-eared sportsman books.

My dad was the scoutmaster of my Boy Scout troop and also ran the farm on which I grew up. Our scouts camped once a month and he taught us everything from how to build fires, cook in the outdoors and the right way to season a cast-iron pan. He also taught me how to use most tools, to drive a tractor and to know the feeling of harvesting hay, growing your own food and putting up a building by hand. I have several of his tools, some of his camping gear and occasionally his shotgun. He keeps asking for his stuff back though; he’s still a scoutmaster, a
Wildwood alderman and a rancher and says he needs it. Some people just don’t know how to kick back and relax.

Seriously though – if you’re not lucky enough to have someone like my dad in your life who’s still teaching and being “that guy” for your kids, the stuff they leave you helps fill the space. It is symbolic of the things they loved — that they taught you to love. And though I really can’t use my grandfather’s open reel bait casting rig very well, the fact that he left it to me worn but well-cared-for means a lot to me… that his hands held it means even more.

Where is this going for me – for my kids? So far, the only one of my sons who has collected a “dad souvenir” from me is Dylan. When my old Motorola smartphone died, he asked for it and put it on the shelf where he keeps all of his treasures. I can hear him telling my grandkids about it now: “I wish you could have seen how Grandpa Ron could use this thing,” he would say. “He was a true master... often texting, talking and checking his calendar all at once, usually while I was trying to tell him something.”

A few weeks after calling dibs on my old phone, Dylan left one of his drawings on my bed. It shows me working at my desk while an alarm clock goes off and a clock on the wall says “Time for a meeting.” He’s not a subtle kid.

Our grandfathers and fathers were hard workers. But when they were done working, we had all of their attention. There were no PDAs elbowing their way into our moments together. We are blessed with our fathers’ work ethic and 21st-century connectivity – and combined, it’s a curse. Our work follows us everywhere, with party-crashing ringtones showing up at the worst moments. My dad always said “Right tool for the right job.” I imagine he wouldn’t think a smartphone is the right tool for the “job” of spending time with your son. After all, we’ll hear countless cell phone rings in our lifetime, but we’ll get to hear our children calling us “Dad” only so many times.