Summer Vacation Nature Checklist

KIDS: Look for these birds, mammals, reptiles and insects in your backyard or neighborhood and keep track of them with this checklist. Use the blanks to write in animals you see that aren't on the list.

Return your checklist (or a copy) to Anne Sharp by September 3 and the names of the top three 'naturalists' will be included in the next edition of the Smoke Signal. Anne's address is 10425 North Drive.

BIRDS	MAMMALS	REPTILES	INSECTS
☐ Great Blue Heron	☐ Eastern Mole	☐ Snapping Turtle	□ Cicada
☐ Great Egret	☐ Big Brown Bat	☐ Painted Turtle	☐ Dragonfly
☐ Turkey Vulture	☐ Little Brown Bat	☐ Red-eared Slider	□ Damselfly
□ Canada Goose	☐ Raccoon	☐ Five-lined Skink	□ Butterfly
☐ Wood Duck	☐ Gray Squirrel	☐ Salamander	☐ Moth
☐ Mallard	☐ Red Squirrel	☐ Bullfrog	☐ Mosquito
☐ Osprey	☐ Woodchuck	☐ Treefrog	☐ Ladybug
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk	☐ Chipmunk	☐ American Toad	☐ Firefly
☐ Mourning Dove	☐ Muskrat	☐ Garter Snake	☐ Honey Bee
☐ Ruby-throated Hummer	☐ Beaver	☐ Ringneck Snake	☐ Hornet
☐ Kingfisher	☐ Cottontail Rabbit	☐ Water Snake	□ Wasp
☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker	☐ White-tailed Deer		☐ Caterpillar
☐ Downy Woodpecker			☐ Ant
☐ Blue Jay			
☐ Chickadee	·		
☐ Titmouse	Birds (cont.)		
□ Nuthatch	☐ Northern Cardinal	☐ Grackle	☐ Sparrow
☐ Eastern Bluebird	☐ Indigo Bunting	☐ Cowbird	☐ Wren
□ Robin	☐ Baltimore Oriole	☐ House Finch	
☐ Mockingbird	☐ Red-wing Blackbird	☐ Gold Finch	



Smoke Signal

INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

DREDGING UNDERWAY

Dredging is now underway for the season. This spring, we replaced the worn-out pump impeller and housing. Pumping abrasive sand and silt take their toll on the pump, and we were lucky to get as many hours as we did on the original parts. The new parts should restore our dredging performance to the original levels.

We're glad to welcome back our dredge team, Indian Lake residents Terry Slocum and Kyle Hurd.

Thanks to Jeff VanTreese for handling needed repairs to the workboat pontoons and outboard motor, and to Ed French for launching the dredge with his specially modified truck rig.

DOCK EXPANSION AT SOUTH BEACH

The board strives to provide dock space for all residents wanting to rent a slip for their boat. This spring, we repaired the flood-damaged dock at South Beach, and added a ramp to make it easier to access. We will soon be expanding the South Beach dock to provide additional boat slips. Contact Jeff VanTreese if you want to rent a slip at either North or South Beach. All dock rental income is used for the upkeep and improvement of the docks.

INDIAN LAKE ISLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

The Indian Lake island has been a part of Indian Lake culture for many years. Located 100 yards off North Beach, all that remains of it today is a spot where waterfowl frequent. In the past, it was large enough for a picnic, and had a picnic table and weeping willow tree. Erosion has taken its toll, gradually erasing the island to almost nothing. Last year, the tree gave way in a storm, eliminating the most visible indicator of what once was.

Bill Testin proposed to his wife Judy on this island. Mrs. Walker used to swim to the island and back from South Beach, every day that she could. Hitting golf balls to the

island from North Beach has been a favorite pastime of some residents. In the eighties, the Civic Committee sold off square foot parcels of the island as a fund-raiser.

Recently, there's been talk of restoring the island to its original glory.

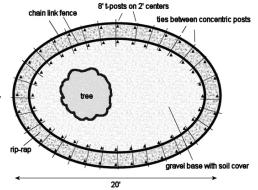
In May, we became aware of the Great Indy
Neighborhoods Initiatives IMAGINE grants. The Indianapolis
Matching Awards for Great Indy Neighborhoods
Engagement, (IMAGINE) are designed to help implement
improvement projects throughout the city. IMAGINE grant
recipients must offer a dollar-for-dollar match, but may
count volunteer labor, donated materials, supplies, services
or cash as part of that match. The maximum grant per
neighborhood-based organization is \$5,000.

Once we heard of the grant, Indian Lake resident Kathi Cummings volunteered to write a grant proposal for restoring the Indian Lake island. If you've ever written a grant proposal, you can appreciate that it's an art form in itself and a lot of work. Kathi did a spectacular job researching and writing our proposal, and submitting it in time for the June 6 deadline. Unfortunately this project did not sufficiently meet the criteria for "enhancing connections with other neighborhood groups," but the IMAGINE grant review committee was so impressed with our proposal that

they recommended another grant organization that we would likely succeed with. We will be submitting it soon.

In the meantime, please contact Kathi with any stories or historical information about the island, or any other suggestions for future grant proposals.

Island restoration construction diagram.



Indian Lake Window Decals

If you ever park your vehicle at North or South Beach, be sure you have an Indian Lake decal in your back window. This lets residents know it's not a trespasser. If you need a decal, they're available from Gary Keithley.

Mark Your Calendars!

July 9th, Monday at 7:30 p.m. Civic Committee Meeting

July 11th, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - Indian Lake Country Club

July 15th, Sunday Bob Nicholas Memorial Bass Tournament -Watch for the flyer. Questions? Contact Fred Zainey at 823-3445

July 15th, Sunday Annual Picnic - French Estate

August 1, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m Board Meeting - Indian Lake Country Club

When You Need To Call

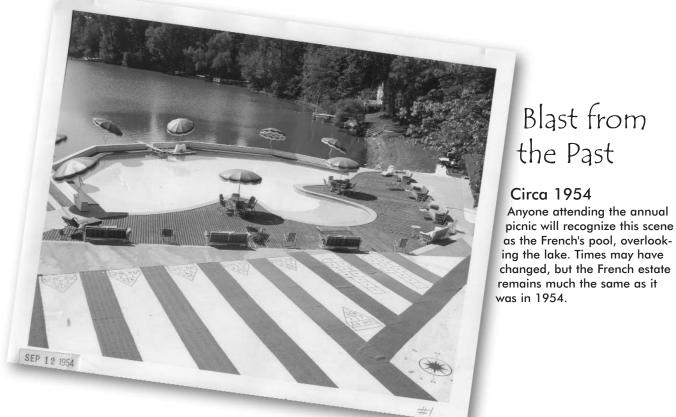


Assessments - Gary Keithley	823-6561
Beach reservations - any board member	
Boat slip rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and rules - Bob Karnak	826-1505
Civic Committee - Sherry Wallace	823-1579
Property maintenance - Fred Lee	823-4687
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Blast from



Across the Fence

Stacy and RJ Russell, on Cherokee Drive, recently welcomed a baby boy, Jase. He joins his 2 year-old brother, Jackson. Welcome!

Will McDaniel, recently achieved the status of Eagle Scout! He is the son of Bill & Suzy McDaniel, Indian Lake West Drive. Only 17% of Boy Scouts go on to become an Eagle Scout, so this is quite an accomplishment! Congratulations Will!

Jesse Zainey has been stationed in Iraq at the Balad Air Base where he is a Senior Airman as a Flight Line Firefighter.

We have a number of graduates in our Community!

Emily Karamanski araduated from Lawrence North and will be attending Ball State University.

Jeff Eaton graduated from Indiana State University and is now a pilot with Com Air, based out of New York!

Jordan Hobbs graduated from Indiana University as an R.N. and will be working at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

WELCOME HOME, SCOT!!!

Lt. Scot Kelley, our neighbor on South Drive and a US Navy Seabee, has recently returned home from a tour of duty in Kuwait.

Scot was away from Indian Lake for eight months, two of which were spent in Gulfport, Mississippi and six in Kuwait as Officer in Charge of Camp Moreell. While at Camp Moreell, Scot helped move troops and equipment 'north'. The entire experience was memorable with no one moment standing out.

Scot returns happily to his wife and child and his beloved Indian Lake. Scot's wife Sarah wishes to express how very grateful she is to the neighbors in our community who helped with gutters, leaves, snow removal and so much more: 'Thank you one thousand times' to all. In turn we are grateful to Scot and all the others in the military who serve us and keep us safe. Thank you!

2007 INDIAN LAKE PICNIC

Grab your bathing suit, your beach blanket and your bingo card for Beach Blanket Bingo!

That will be the theme of this year's picnic on Sunday, July 15th from 2-7pm at the French's Estate. There will be swimming, games for the kids, raffles and Bingo. The dinner menu will include Broaster Chicken, potato wedges, and all the fixin's, served at 5:00 p.m. Watch for the flyer and the RSVP card in your mailbox soon. We hope that all the new Lake residents will attend and take this opportunity to meet their neighbors.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt on Indian Lake was a huge success again this year. Despite the cold (and even a few snow flurries!), the children came to hunt for the prized candy filled plastic eggs. The Easter Bunny made an appearance, too, and everyone enjoyed the cookies and punch.

This year's winners were:

0-4 years Robert Thomas - most eaas Benjamin Evans - rainbow egg

Emma McCullouah and 5-7 years

Makayla Berry - tied for most eggs Makayla Berry - rainbow egg

8-10 years Laine Rumreich - rainbow egg Samantha Heck - most eggs

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Ed French** and his work crew for digging out the dredge discharge pipe in the spoils area. Last year's dredging had completely buried the end of the pipe in sand.

Elise Langenberg of South Drive recently donated some rubber coated work gloves and some safety glasses for the workers on the dredge and around the lake. Thanks to Elise and North Safety Products for this generous donation!

Thanks to everyone who participated in beach cleanup on May 5. Both beaches look great. Following cleanup, a load of sand was delivered to South Beach and spread, courtesy of Mike and Kyle Hurd. Thanks to Jeff VanTreese for replacing the worn-out buoys around the North Beach swimming area.

