

SMOKE SIGNAL

INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The annual meeting of the Indian Lake Improvement Association was held at Craig Middle School January 24, 2000.

The following are board members and their position for 2000:

Tom Beechler - *North Beach*

Tom Crouch - *Vice President and Long Range Planning*

Steve Hiner - *South Beach*

Gary Keithley - *President*

Fred Lee - *Property Maintenance*

John Repass - *Due to travel requirements will assist committees when available.*

Mark Rumreich - *Lake Conservation*

Andy VanTreese - *Watershed Alliance*

Jeff VanTreese - *South Beach and Property Maintenance*

Jack Sweeney - *Treasurer*

Several residents shared concerns and questions during the open discussion session. The following issues were raised by residents and noted by the board:

- a. Qualify of Lake Wafer - The Indianapolis Wafer Company regularly test the wafer and reports any health threatening conditions to the association. Fortunately no issues have occurred recently.
- b. Lake Peninsula deterioration - The Lake Conservation committee is addressing this issue—watch for information in future Smoke Signals.
- c. Beavers are damaging property - Jeff VanTreese reported the ILIA trapper has been unavailable; Jeff will attempt to secure another trapper.
- d. What is condition of dam - much work has been done to the dam; spraying to prevent growth, cutting of and elimination of large bush.
- e. South Drive Speeding - Mark Rumreich is working with the City of Lawrence. Some progress has been made i.e. installation of stop signs at Winona and use of the City radar speed gun.
- f. Boats in disrepair at south beach - ILIA will have boats removed.
- g. South Beach playground equipment in disrepair - Board will discuss at future meeting
- h. Silt build up in lake - entire board is addressing the issue -report will be forthcoming later in 2000.
- i. How to keep geese from beaches - suggestion, attach large black trash bags to trees and tree limbs.
- j. Use of lobbyist to assist in obtaining outside moneys for lake issues - Board will discuss options.

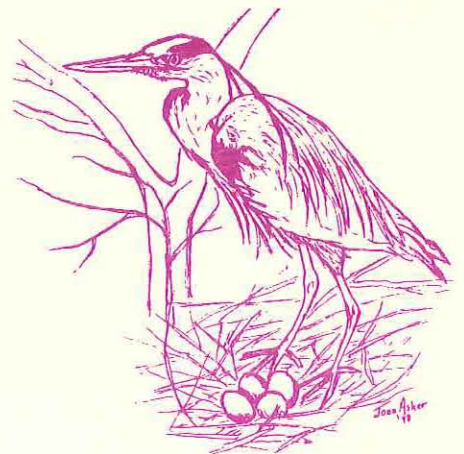
Also, Jack Sweeney presented the proposed 2000 budget. The budget was approved by vote of the ILIA residents.

The ILIA financial records were audited by Angie Vogt. Angie reported the ILIA books to be in accord with prescribed Accounting Standards.

Future Smoke Signals will continue to provide updates on the boards progress regarding issues presented at the annual meeting as well as issues that are brought before the board during the year.

Wishing all Indian Lake residents a successful 2000

Gary Keithley



The Indian Lake Civic Committee
by Diane Connors

Hello everyone I would like to introduce myself as the new President of the Indian Lake Civic Committee. My name is Diane Connors and I live on the south side of the lake. My husband Pat has lived on this lake since he was 9 years old and had very fond memories, so of course he brought his family four years ago after buying his parents home. We have two children, a son Dustin who is 15 and a daughter Kristin who is 2. I think we have been blessed to have moved to such a friendly and heart-warming community.

We held our first meeting of the year 2000 at Mary Lou Powers home. She was a gracious host with a warm fire and plenty of hot coffee. We had a small turn out due to the bad snow storm but were able to accomplish our tasks. Easter falls in the later part of April this year, so the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday April 22nd. There will be a flyer in your mail boxes one week before the event. Also the Beach clean-up is scheduled to be on May 6th with a rain date of May 13th. There was also talk of a possibility of a Monte Carlo in the works.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Jane Ann Kopitzke, 10439 Indian Lake Blvd S Dr., Monday March 27th at 7:30 p.m. We will need plenty of help to fill the eggs so please plan to come.

I would like to give a BIG "THANK YOU" to Suzy McDaniel for all her help and support. She has been able to lend her ear for all my silly questions.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and Happy New Millennium!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE LUMINARY CANDLES WERE EAGERLY DELIVERED THIS YEAR. THE SPIRIT OF THE LAKE WAS SEEN WITH ANOTHER BRIGHT NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

I know that when we loose a loved one it is one of the saddest times in our lives. Loosing a pet to many of us can also be devastating. My most sincerest condolences goes to Janet and Charles Wilson on the loss of their 18 year old cat, Fletcher.

Rex Harris is still in the hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery. If there is any needs of the family please call a member of the Civic Committee to let them know!

"PLAY GROUP"

Valerie Canfield has started a play group for stay at home mothers. It has ran smoothly and they are meeting every 1st and 3rd Fridays in the a.m. at different mothers homes. However, Valerie has stated there is one rule, "No cleaning". They are currently at the maximal level with 4 girls and 1 boy. If you have any questions please call Valerie at 826-1825

Siltation

The board is in the process of developing both long and short term plans for dealing with siltation in Indian Lake. It's working in two general areas:

- 1) Reducing the amount of silt that gets into the lake
- 2) Finding ways to reduce the cost of removing silt from the lake

Keeping silt out of the lake in the first place is more than environmentally sound - it can actually be a better investment than dredging. It costs about \$4 per cubic yard to dredge and about \$3 per cubic yard on top of that if we have to transport the material off-site. \$4 spent in well-designed upstream erosion control will reduce the amount of silt into our lake by considerably more than a cubic yard, so it saves money in the long run. Andy Van Treese and the Indian Creek Watershed Alliance are doing a lot of work in this area. Nick Jokay, a Purdue grad student, is also studying our watershed to help find ways to reduce our silt load.

Nick Jokay is looking for volunteers to help him for a few hours here and there in his research. Jobs include helping him set up equipment and taking readings. You'll get your boots muddy but it's interesting work.

Call Mark Rumreich at 823-3897 to put your name on the list. Volunteers will be needed for other silt-related projects too, so sign up if you're willing to help out with this or future silt projects.

Even if we had good erosion control in our watershed (which we don't), periodically removing silt from our lake would be necessary. Right now about 10,000 cubic yards of silt are added to our lake each year. Finding ways to reduce the cost of removing silt from the lake is the second area the board is investigating.

We're working with Purdue Professor Rabi Mohtar and two of his students to redesign our silt trap (Papoose Lake) to make it more effective at trapping silt and to reduce the cost of harvesting silt.

Secondly, the board is now taking a serious look at buying our own dredging equipment. This is a question the board doesn't take lightly because there are so many complicating issues such as choosing the right equipment, finding a way to pay for it, training operators, and equipment maintenance & storage. Buying our own dredge isn't a cure-all, but there's potentially a big financial payback.

It's still too early to say where we're headed, but I'll mention a promising lead. The "General Motors" of dredging equipment is a company called Ellicott. They offer a "try it before you buy it" rental program that includes on-site training. This would save us from making the expensive mistake of buying the wrong equipment or learning the hard way that we don't belong in the dredging business.

Mark Rumreich

South Drive Speeding

Last Summer, we took Police Chief Carter up on his offer to send warning letters to flagrant speeders we identified (on South Drive and Winona) using a police radar gun. Now that spring is here, we can resume this program if residents are interested and **WILLING TO PARTICIPATE**.

Here's how it works: the radar gun plugs into the cigarette lighter socket of your car. Park your car where you have an unobstructed view of a good stretch of road. All you need to do is point the gun toward a vehicle, and its speed will be continuously displayed. Write down the license plate number, the speed and the make and model of the vehicle on the form. This is a good job for two people. I suggest limiting ourselves to vehicles faster than 40 MPH. I will then FAX this information to Chief Carter and he'll send out letters.

Obviously, a warning letter won't make a difference to everybody, but for some it will. If you would like to participate, call Mark Rumreich at 823-3897 to borrow the equipment.

The **SLOW DOWN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD** lawn sign program will be pursued later this spring.

Mark Rumreich



Events for Our Community

EASTER EGG HUNT **Date:** April 22,2000
Time: To be Announced
Location: Park

BEACH CLEAN UP **Date:** May 6,2000
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: North and South Beaches
Rain Date: May 13, 2000

Indian Lake Board of Director's Meetings
Date: First Wednesday of Every Month
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Indian Lake Country Club

***Everyone is encouraged to attend these events!!!! Mark your calendars in advance for the Board Meetings so that you can be informed about your community's decisions.**