

Traffic safety starts at home

The Smoke Signal received the following letter from a concerned resident.

The stop sign on the north side of the Indian Lake Community at the intersection of Indian Lake Road and Indian Lake Blvd. North has been a serious problem for years and is getting worse. Yesterday I was stopped at the sign and saw an SUV towing a trailer approaching. As I began to pull across the street I realized the SUV was not going to stop. I came inches from a serious accident.

This was not an isolated incident, but the norm for many Indian Lake residents. The sad thing is that people who have never stopped at this sign have now, by example, taught their driving age children that it is okay not to stop. We all see them and know who they are. I don't understand why they openly practice this behavior to save 10 seconds at the risk of injuring or even killing a neighbor and friend. There are young children and a blind man who live at that corner.

Some of the residents near the sign have called Lawrence police and they have come out and issued many citations. We will continue to do so until our neighbors respect our safety, so be prepared to stop at the sign or pay the fine.....if you don't injure or kill someone first.

President's message continued...

Emerald Ash Borer

If you've been following the emerald ash borer story at the annual meeting, in community emails and in the previous edition of the Smoke Signal, you know that our neighborhood ash trees are in trouble. The board formed an EAB task force in February, and I'd like to report the results.

The Indian Lake website now contains links to finding an EAB tree service, the Purdue EAB website, the EAB presentation by John Schaust, and how damage to trees can cut income tax. There's also a link to finding a traditional tree service, should a dead tree need to be removed.

In spring, the board voted to treat important ash trees at our beaches and park with imidacloprid. You might have noticed trees with a dark green circle painted on their trunk, about a foot from the ground. These are the ash trees identified as being important. Important trees were selected based on health, size, location, and the future cost of removing a dead tree.

About twenty trees in all were identified and treated. Treatment will need to be repeated each spring, for the life of the tree.

Thanks to Andy Van Treese for spending a Saturday identifying ash trees, and a Sunday treating them!

If you have any questions about identifying an ash tree on your property or treatment options, contact a board member.

Keep leaves out of the lake

Fall brings beautiful colors to our abundant trees, but it also means abundant falling leaves.

Rake leaves as soon as possible after they fall to prevent them from blowing into the lake. Don't blow leaves or rake yard debris into the lake. Leaves add phosphorus to the water and use up valuable oxygen as they decompose. Phosphorus increases algae growth and reduces water quality. Depleted oxygen harms our fish population.

In an undisturbed setting, some leaves do end up in lakes, but most of the leaves are caught in shoreline vegetation.

Indian Lake Smoke Signal

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President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

North Beach Beautification

The North Beach is looking better than ever, thanks to a number of beautification projects.

This spring, Ed French donated materials and labor to build a stone retaining wall around the parking area. Not only does it look great, but we now have more space for parking.

RJ Russell spent his summer vacation designing and constructing a new fenced enclosure and parking lot border. The improved enclosure conceals the fuel tank and dumpster, even when viewed from the entrance drive. The stone parking lot border replaces the old railroad ties used for the same purpose.

RJ spent countless hours of his own time and effort on this project. He also received help from Ben Slocum, Ron Gillum, Josh Mott, Jeff Van Treese, Jordan Van Treese, Kyle Hurd and Chad Worland. Thanks to all the volunteers for a job well done!

Dredging Season Saved

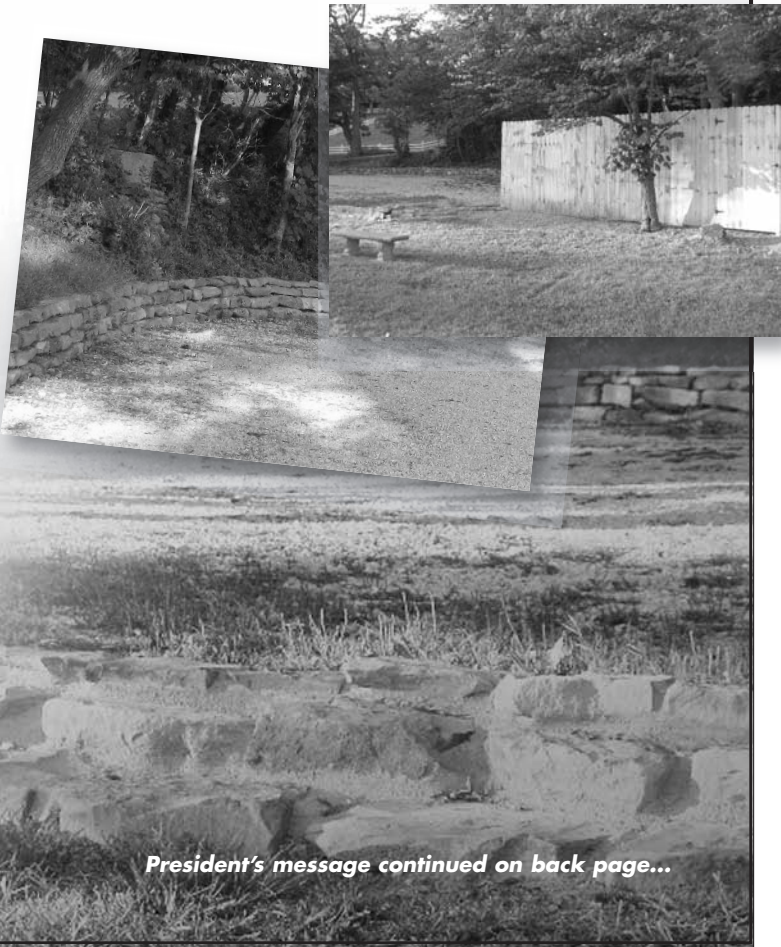
This July, we had some unplanned excitement when our dredge operator, Terry Slocum, reported that the dredge pump had lost pressure, and the dredge was wanting to spin in the water. Jeff Van Treese and Ed French pulled the dredge out of the water for an inspection.

The problem was easy to spot with the dredge trailered – the twenty foot boom underneath the dredge had split open on a seam. The boom is a 12 inch square tube used to lower the cutter head and carry pressurized discharge from the pump to the back of the dredge.

The manufacturer quoted \$6000 and 8 weeks lead time for a replacement part. This didn't even include the substantial time and expense of labor. This option would mean an end to our 2011 dredging season.

After consulting with Bill Testin, Ed French and our mechanic, Emery Harris, Jeff believed that the boom could be repaired on the trailer by welding angle iron along the split seam. This would require removing the pump housing and modifying the trailer frame to allow lowering the boom pipe below the pontoons.

Jeff's plan worked. Less than a week later, on a Friday, the dredge was back in the water. Making up for lost time, Terry eagerly worked the weekend, proving out the repair. Thanks Terry, and thanks Jeff!



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When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	826-1505
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - RJ Russell	281-0024
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - RJ Russell	281-0024
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

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Josh Mott	823-0313
RJ Russell	281-0024
Ben Slocum	989-4718
Andy VanTreese	627-0737

Upcoming Events

Join us in the park on Friday, October 28th at 6:30pm for the Trunk or Treat and Cookout. Once again, you will want to decorate your vehicle and yourself. Bring some candy to share with the children that will go from car to car "Trunk or Treating." Enjoy a bonfire at the park and a cookout. There will also be games (scary and not so scary). Watch for the flyer in mid-October.

We will be holding the Progressive Holiday Gathering on Sunday, December 4th beginning at 6pm. We are in the need of 2 host homes – one for the appetizers and one for the desserts. Hosts won't need to supply anything as each resident that attends will bring a food to share. If you are interested in hosting, please call or e-mail Ruth Norrington.

Both of these activities were brought together with the help of the Civic Committee. The committee is always in need of the help of more residents in order to continue these and other great events. Please join the committee and participate in the fall and winter activities.

Did you know?

The Indian Lake Improvement Association now has a Facebook page! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ilia-facebook>

There is also a link to the ILIA Facebook page on the ILIA website.

Please feel free to add comments, photos, or any other items to share. The more, the merrier!

If you have any problems, please contact Lynn Osborn, Page Administrator, by sending an email to iliatreasurer@hotmail.com or by calling 826-1505.



Civic Committee Meetings

Tuesday, November 15th 7:30pm
Kimberly Hunt's

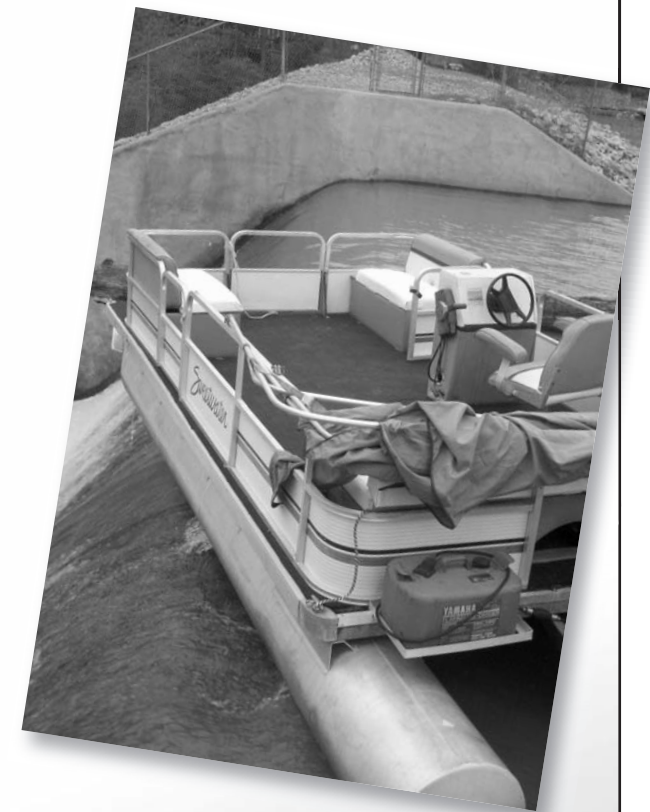


Don't let this happen to you

2011 has been a bad year for boats getting loose at Indian Lake. About a dozen got loose in early spring floods. One pontoon boat went over the spillway and was completely destroyed. The boat in the photo was saved in the nick of time.

Take the following steps to make sure this doesn't happen to you:

- Winter storage: anchor boats stored at the beaches at two points, using cement blocks, posts or trees. Take measures to prevent tampering.
- Boating season: When the lake rises due to flooding, docked boats want to rise too. Short anchor ropes from boats to the dock can snap, cleats on boats and docks pull off, or the dock can be pulled apart. To prevent these problems, tie your boat to the dock using a rope with some stretch, such as nylon. Tie your boat to the dock using an X pattern. This will amplify the amount of stretch because the rope is longer.
- All year round: make sure your watercraft is marked with your lot number. A properly identified boat stands the best chance of being recovered quickly and safely.



Garage Sale!

Echo Tiller / Cultivator, Model TC-210 -
Lightweight for easy use
Used one time: \$250 (sells new for \$333-349)
Includes operator's manual

DP Fit For Life Airstriider (exercise machine) - \$50

Multi Coreflex (core exerciser) - never unpacked;
DVD and instructions included - \$25

Ab Lounger Ultra - used only a few times; comes
with DVD and instructions - \$35

InStride Electronic Stepper - used only a few times
- \$25

iLive IPOD stereo/charger - \$10

JBL IPOD stereo/charger - \$10

Call or email Anne Sharp for more information:
annebsharp@aol.com
317-826-8987

Enjoy responsibly.

Glass bottles are NOT allowed at the beach or at the tennis courts. This year, dozens of bottles have been picked up from the North and South Beach, either on the dock or scattered on the sand. In some instances, there have been many of them shattered against the dock. Please remember how dangerous this is to our young people in the neighborhood as well as anyone else.

Please remember to lock the tennis court gate when you are done playing tennis. Tennis is the ONLY thing that is to be done on the court. No softball, skateboarding, inline skating, drawing with chalk, or playing of any other nature is allowed. The tennis court is for tennis only.

Across the Fence

I hope that all of the lake residents have had the opportunity to participate in the many activities that the Civic Committee organized this spring and summer.

All of the residents should have received the new 2011-2012 Indian Lake Directory. If you did not, please e-mail Ruth at rapnjava@aol.com or call 460-8576. Also, if any of your information changes within the next year, please let us know so that we can make the changes.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt was held in April on a perfect sunny spring day. Many children participated and spent time visiting with the Easter Bunny. Check out the photos on the Indian Lake Facebook page.

Beach Clean-up – About 20 residents participated in the annual beach clean-up on the first Saturday in May. Both beaches were cleaned-up and lunch was enjoyed by all the hard workers.

Annual Picnic – The annual picnic was again held on the 3rd Sunday in July. The theme this year was “Superheroes” and many of the superheroes on the lake dressed the part. Over 100 residents enjoyed visiting with their neighbors and enjoying the great food catered by Andy Van Treese. A big THANKS to Eddie French for again hosting this great event. The event was wonderfully coordinated by Stacy Russell. Many thanks for her great work.

We wrapped up the summer with our first participation in the nationwide “**National Night Out.**” We had cookouts for the neighbors on both the south side and at the park for the north side. Over 60 residents enjoyed the cookout and the company of their neighbors. The Lawrence motorcycle police and Lawrence Fire Department made a visit to the south side celebration to much excitement from the children. As this was our first year to participate in NNO, we had no idea how many residents would participate.

Watch for more food and more activities when we participate next year!



Across the Fence continued...

Welcome back home to **Scott Kelley**. Scott left for Afghanistan in August 2010 and returned home the first of July. Scott was serving with the Navy Seabees at Kandahar Air Force Base. He served as the Battalions Operations Office during his time there.

Thanks to **Bill Testin** for repairing the dock at South Beach. Bill used a technique that he hopes will prevent this from being a recurring problem.

Congratulations to **Dustin and Holly Van Treese** on their recent marriage. Dustin is the son of Jeff and Kathy Van Treese. Dustin and Holly celebrated their wedding on a Caribbean cruise along with the parents of the bride and groom.

Welcome to **Brian Chapman**, our newest Indian Lake resident. Brian is building a new home at 10243 Mohawk Drive and hopes to move in this fall.

Congratulations to **Dustie Hedrick!** She graduated from Nursing School on December 17, 2010 earning her LPN License. She then passed the difficult Nursing Board test the first time. Dustie has been employed with American Senior Communities-Brownsburg Meadows since April 17th. We wish her all the success as all of her hard work has paid off.

Thanks to **Ben Slocum** for managing the dirt hauling operation at the spoils area. We have removed hundreds of truckloads of dirt this season.

Marge Crouch, broker-owner of Greentree Real Estate Group has been named a 2011 Five Star Real Estate Agent. This elite award has only been given to the top 5% of real estate agents in the Indianapolis marketplace as rated by their client satisfaction. In addition, Marge has been recognized by the National Association of Realtors as having successfully completed the courses and received their Green Designation, the only green real estate professional designation recognized by NAR. She is one of only 5 realtors in the Indianapolis area to currently have this designation.



Indian Lake Bass Tournament

July 17th, 2011

by Fred Zainey

It's hard to believe that 19 years have gone by so fast, I remember meeting with the board for permission to have the tournament. They didn't think there would be an interest, but I got the OK from them to proceed. After 19 years I would say that the interest is there, if only from a few that have fished every year. Although there have been as many as 24 people, (12 teams), this year there were only five teams, probably due to my short notice of the tournament. Please remember that it always occurs on the third Sunday of July, the same day as the lake picnic, so mark your calendar for next year.

This year every team managed to catch at least one fish. Josh Mott and his partner Keith took top Honors with a limit of five fish. Andy Clifton and his partner Rusty came in second with a limit that was just not quite as heavy. Greg Taylor and his Wife Kristen came in third weighing in 4 fish. It's a good thing Greg brought her along, her 2 fish at the end put them in the money. Josh Mott caught the big one, a 3lb 10oz giant. Brian Beechler and his partner caught 3 fish. Kerry Brown got a lesson from his daughter Mailan who caught one of the bigger Bass of the day at 2.8 pounds, thanks to a chatter bait I found in a tree and gave to her. Thanks to whoever left that one behind, it really made her day.

While we are on the subject of fishing lures in trees, I would like to mention the amount of lures, bobbers and especially fishing line that is being left in the lake and the trees around it. This not only poses a problem for the wildlife that gets tangled in and most likely dies from loose line hanging from the trees, but also gets tangled in boat props and can damage the seals in the lower units of our motors. One other point to make after speaking with Jeff Van Treese is the damage it does to the dredge when it gets tangled in the auger, so PLEASE, if you get



snagged, do your best to retrieve as much or all of the line that broke off. I have personally pulled as much as 10-20 yards of line out of trees that someone else has left behind. If you are fishing from a boat there is no excuse for leaving line behind!! JUST GO GET IT!!!

Thanks again to all the participants this year, and special thanks to Suzy McDaniel who has made Uncle Bob's favorite oatmeal cookies every year since the tournament began. I've heard it said that some have fished it just for the cookies!! They are GOOD!!!

standings

Josh Mott & Keith	1st place	5 fish	13.0 lbs	\$75.00 prize
Andy Clifton & Rusty	2nd place	5 fish	11.1 lbs	\$45.00 Prize
Greg & Kristen Taylor	3rd place	4 fish	9.5 lbs	\$30.00 Prize
Brian Beechler & Friend		3 fish	6.6 lbs	
Kerry & Mailan Brown		1 fish	2.8 lbs	
Josh Mott	Big Bass		3.1 lbs	\$50.00 Prize



Make your home a healthy place

Marion County Lead Safe and Healthy Homes (LSHH) offers a variety of services to help make your home a healthy place. Services provided by the LSHH department are free of charge and available to all Marion County residents regardless of age or income. Examples of LSHH services include:

- Healthy homes assessment for seniors that identifies unintentional injury hazards and provides practical assistance when possible. The aim of the senior healthy homes assessment is to enable seniors to live in their homes independently as long as possible. Possible assistance may include, tub railings, nightlights, level door handles, shower chairs, raised toilet seats etc.
- Healthy homes assessments for parents with young children aimed at identifying hidden dangers for children. Possible assistance may include baby gates, outlet covers, cabinet locks etc.
- The LSHH department also offers consumer products testing for heavy metals. Most items tested are children's toys, dinnerware or eating utensils; however, LSHH has tested food and ethnic products as well.
- Further services include home testing for elevated radon levels and lead based paint, blood lead testing for children and pregnant women, asthma and developmental assessment for children with elevated blood lead tests and, and as funds permit, grant assistance for home repairs.

For more information on their programs and services call (317) 221-2155.

We celebrated the life of Kathryne Zainey

August 2nd, 2011

Her husband, Joe, preceded her in death, in February 2009. Like many of our long time residents, she and Joe began their Indian Lake adventure in 1968. They raised 8 children in our rare paradise, three of which still live in the community and help to make it a special place. Kathryne had a zeal for life. Always a mischievous twinkle in her eye, a smile and a kind word for everyone she made contact with. Her house was always a special "treat" on Halloween, as Kathryne herself would dress up with the best costumes. We are blessed to have had her and Joe as neighbors.



The important work of our dredge assistants

As some of you may know, our dredging operation and our neighborhood as a whole, require many hours of "hands on" work to make everything operate in a smooth fashion. Our dredge operator, Terry Slocum is essential to our dredging operation. You may not realize the important work of our dredge assistants. Some of the things that have to happen on a regular basis are as follows:

- Greasing all dredging equipment
- Maintenance of the workboat
- Gathering logs out of the lake that are floating or "stuck" in the bottom from a flood
- Shoreline retention with rip rap
- Maintaining of the floats on our dredge discharge pipe
- And the biggest job of all, putting the dredge pipe into and taking it out of the water.

This year there have been two young neighbors added to the crew of workers that stand out as absolute workhorses. Zack Sweeney and Jordan Van Treese have been called to "man the dredge pipe" and help with the grueling task of dragging the pipe into the water, tying the floats on, connecting the pipes together (while standing in 5' of water), dragging to the existing pipe (again in 5' of water), sometimes having to go under water to locate the other pipe, and finally connect them. Both of these young men have really stepped up to the plate and helped the dredging operation operate efficiently this year. Our summer work crew consists of Zack York and Zack Sweeney, with Jordan as a backup for bigger projects where some height is needed. From the ILIA board, Thanks guys, your hard work does not go unnoticed!

If anyone would like to contribute time helping your neighborhood, please call RJ Russell or Ben Slocum for things that we may need help on.