

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Proposed Indian Lake Sewer Plan and Lift Station

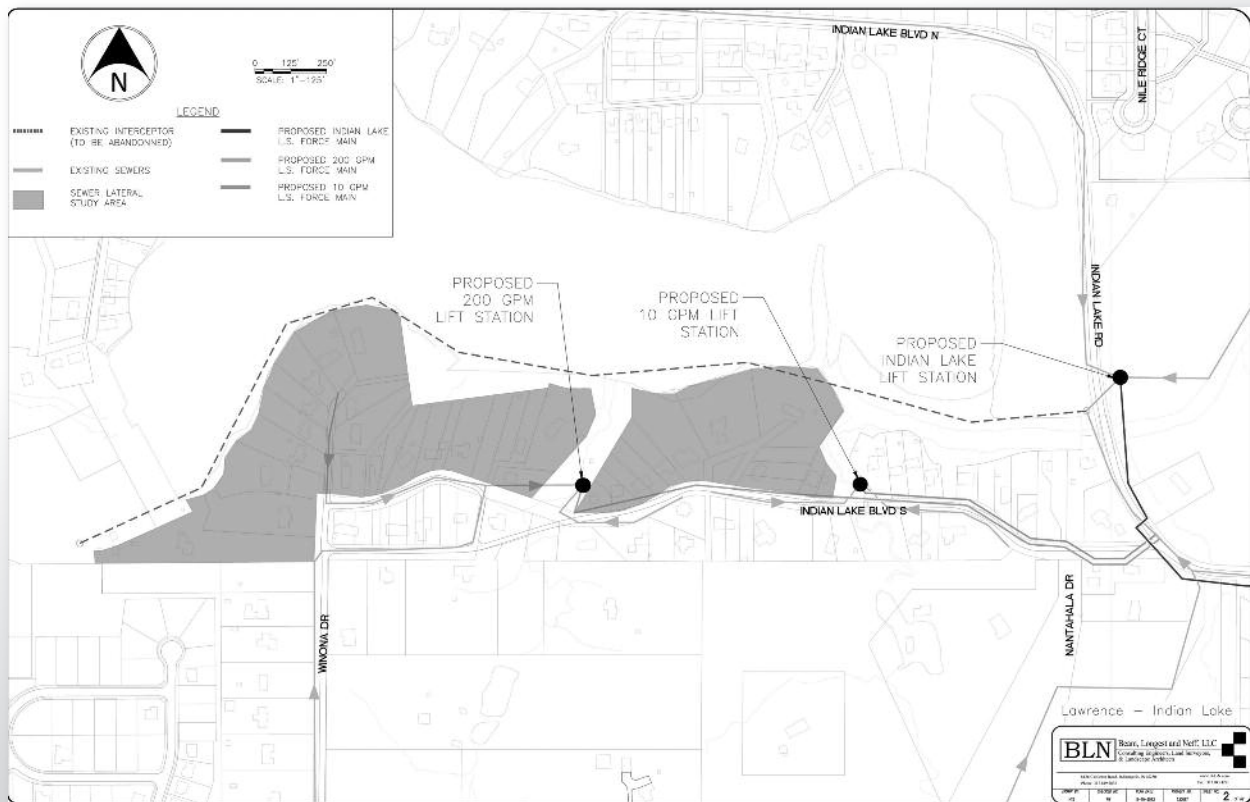
The sewer line that runs under Indian Lake is near the end of its service life, and will soon be decommissioned. The failure of this line would be a disaster for Lawrence and its residents, so the City is taking a proactive approach to finding a timely solution. On August 19, the City of Lawrence presented its proposed new sewer plan to all ILIA residents at the Indian Lake Country Club.

The sewer line under the lake will be taken out of service in 2015. Any lake resident whose sewer line runs toward the lake will need to have their sewer line rerouted toward the road. A small number of homes (generally those

located downhill with respect to their street) may need to have grinder pumps installed. According to Superintendent of Lawrence Utilities, John Solenberg, the city will pay for all installation and maintenance costs including rerouting the sewer towards the road. The homeowner will only be responsible for long-term maintenance of the line from their house to the grinder pump or main.

A second aspect of the project is the addition of three lift stations at Indian Lake. The figure shows the proposed locations. Two of the three lift stations are small, with capacities of 200 GPM (gallons per minute) and 10 GPM.

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## When You Need To Call



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## Fresh Pavement

This summer, the City of Lawrence helped our neighborhood solve an ongoing problem: the frequent washout and rutting of a gravel portion of South Drive. This section of street provides shared access for three of our residents.

In the past, adjoining neighbors and the board regraded and added gravel to this drive every few years. This was an annoyance to the neighbors, and an expense to the neighborhood.

In 2012, the board inquired whether the City of Lawrence owned that section of street. The Mayor's office replied: "This is a dedicated City street. We are aware of the need for it to be paved and it is on a priority list. However, it won't be this year due to budgetary shortfalls. The Director of Public Works said he's going to try to get it done next year if we have the funding."

This July, in spite of funding difficulties, the City kept its word, and the road was paved.

Thank you to Mayor Jessup, and DPW Director Bruce Northern for this improvement to our neighborhood.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, December 8th, 6:00 pm**  
Holiday Gathering

It's that time of year to gather together with neighbors that we haven't seen since days on the lake and to welcome new neighbors. The holiday gathering is set for Sunday, December 8th. Appetizers will begin at 6:00pm and desserts will be at 7:30. Each guest will contribute either a dessert or appetizer. We are looking for two hosts: one home for the appetizers and one home for the desserts. Hosts need contribute only their home, as the Civic Committee will provide all plates, napkins, utensils and drinks. Please consider being a host for this special evening.

Contact Ruth Norrington if you would like to host or if you would like to attend. 460-8576 or [rapnjava@aol.com](mailto:rapnjava@aol.com)



# Across the Fence

by Andy Van Treese

Welcome to **Jean Gundaker** who was able to make the move to Indian Lake this July. Husband Bob had come out previously to get the house ready. Bob and Jean's daughter Lori and her husband John and daughter Hayley have joined them in their move from California to Indianapolis. We're happy to have you here!

We are saddened by the loss of **John Repass**, who passed away on July 22nd. John and Lois moved to Indian Lake in 1960. John graduated from IU and received his Master's Degree from Butler. He started his teaching career at Wood High School and retired as Dean of Students at Franklin Central. John was elected to the Indian Lake board in 1969, and served through 1979. John again served on the board from 2003 to 2005. He enjoyed the outdoors, wildlife, taking pictures, traveling, and reading. Our condolences to Lois.

Condolences to **Linda Van Treese** who lost two brothers in the same week of July. Bill Kramer passed on July 18th and Jerry Kramer passed on July 19th. These men were also the Uncles of Dan, Jeff, and Andy Van Treese, as well as Julie Morgan.

**Jeff Hair** passed away on October 24th. He is survived by his wife Janet. Jeff and Jan have owned J.L Hair Realty since 1969 and moved to Indian Lake in 1974. Jeff felt blessed to live here and loved the area very much. Our condolences to Janet.

**Tom Crouch** has returned from an October trip to Russia where he spent time in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Dobro pozhalovat' domoy!

Best wishes for **Julie Morgan** as she had foot surgery on Monday, November 11th. She came home the same day and is recovering quickly and will be ready to get out of the house soon. Hang in there Julie!

Thanks to **Jeff Van Treese** and **Ed French** for removing the dredge for the winter. Jeff got in the water with his hip waders and Ed brought a really nice truck from work to pull the dredge out. Also thanks to **Terry Slocum** for driving the dredge on the trailer the first try! Also thanks to **Chad Worland, R.J. Russell, Ben Slocum, Jordan Van Treese**, and **Ron Gillum** for further assistance and support. We couldn't do all the things we do without the help of Indian Lake volunteers.

The annual picnic was again held on the third Sunday in July. The theme this year was sports, and many came dressed in support of their favorite teams. Over a hundred 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. As a bonus, new resident **Paul Odenwelder** entertained the crowd with his artful guitar playing and singing.

Susie Clase has a pontoon boat for sale: 18' Suncruiser with 40 HP Evinrude motor. It is located at North Beach and can be identified by the green canopy with gray boat cover. Call Jeff Van Treese at 627-0738 for more information and to MAKE AN OFFER.





# Indian Lake Bass Tournament

by Fred Zainey

The tournament was held on July 28th this year. We had a pretty good turnout, even though it was held a week later than usual. A total of eleven people fished with most of the teams catching at least one weighable fish. A total of fifteen bass were caught with a combined weight of 30.04 pounds.

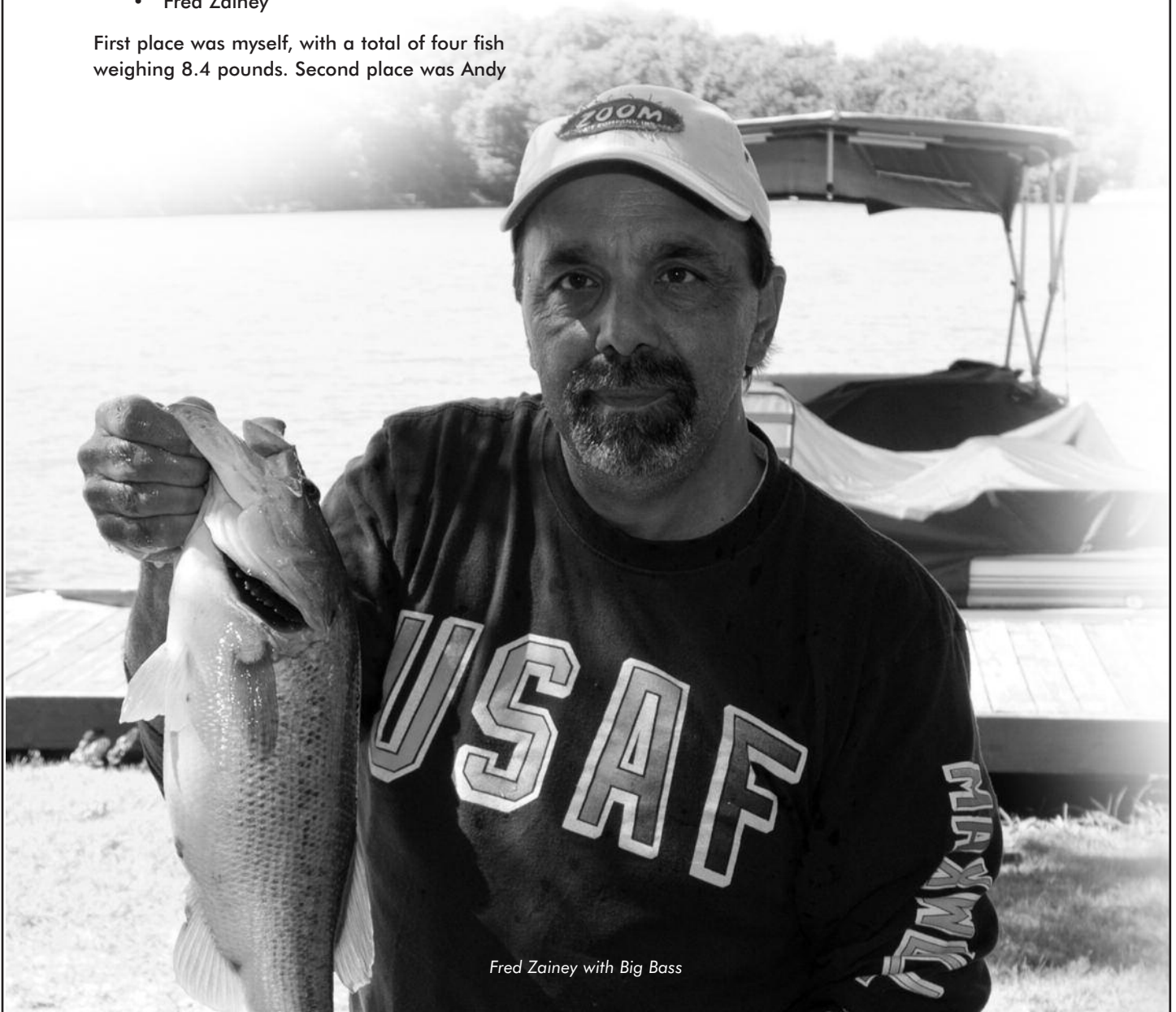
The teams were:

- Andy Clifton and Rusty Fields
- Kerry Brown and his partner Mark
- James and Dana Mills
- John and Greg Taylor
- Brian Beechler and his friend Jacob
- Fred Zainey

First place was myself, with a total of four fish weighing 8.4 pounds. Second place was Andy

and Rusty, with four fish weighing eight pounds even. Third place was John and Greg, with four fish weighing 6.14 pounds. Big Bass was 4.2 pounds.

This year the contestants didn't mind that I competed with them, so I entered and fished any chance I had while not running the tournament. Though I did end up winning, the money that I won was reinvested in the lake. I planted 3 Porcupines, a type of artificial cover. I placed these in between the wing walls of the dam, so they will be easy to find. These serve as fish attractors and cover for not only the bait fish, but the game fish as well. This should be a hot spot for the crappies so don't forget they are there.



Fred Zainey with Big Bass

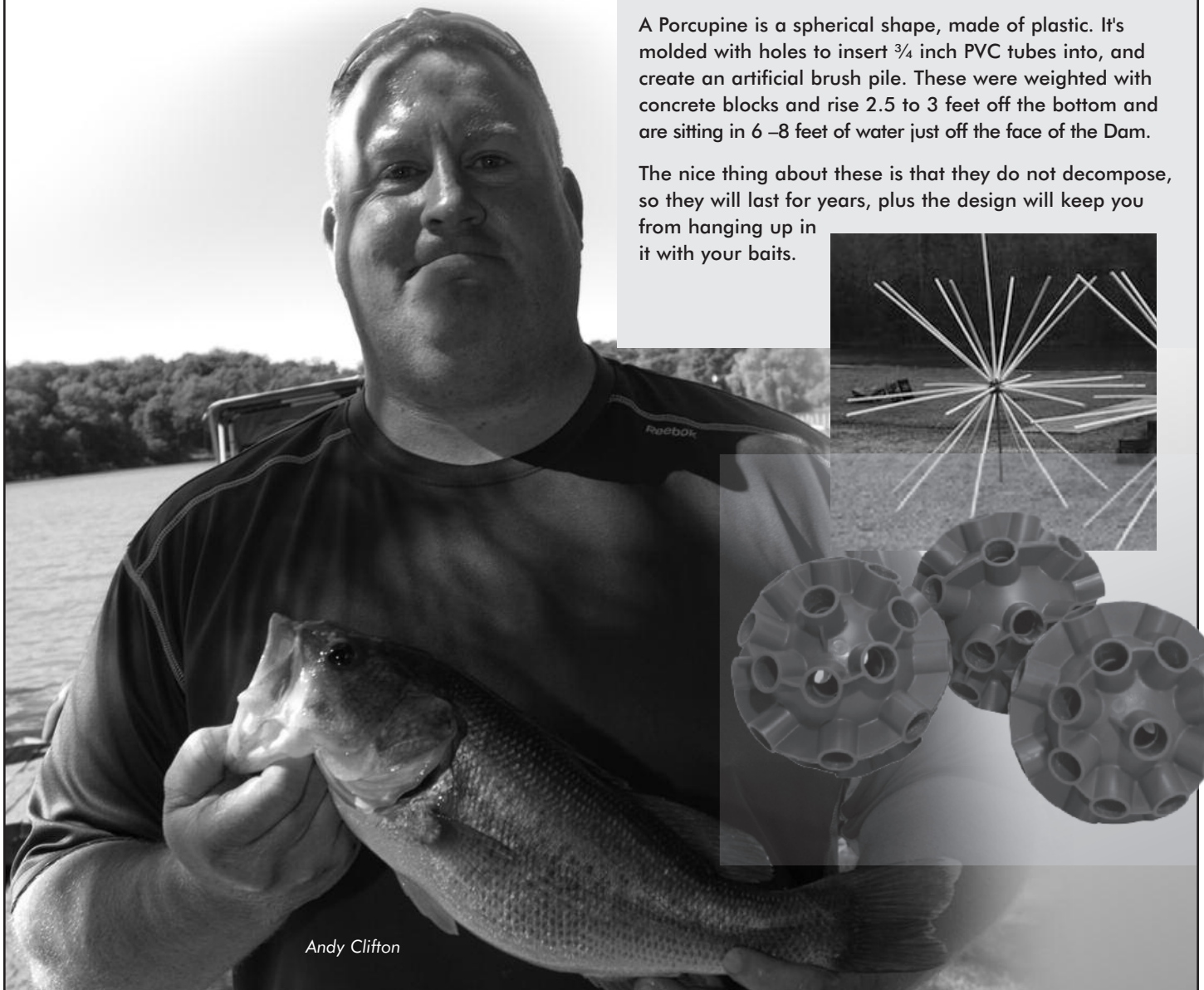
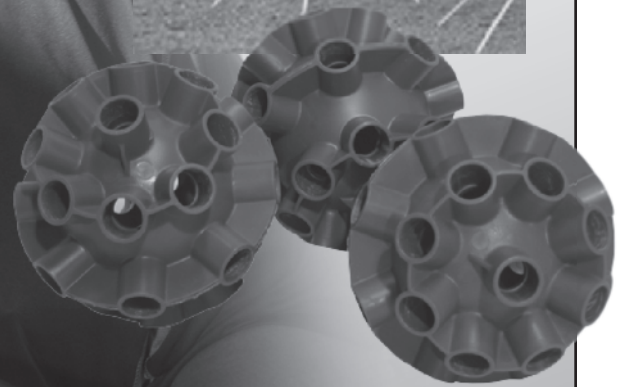
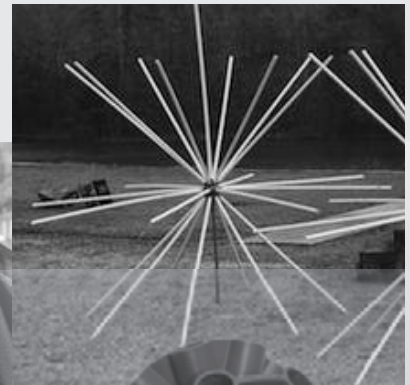
One thing that I have noticed this year on Indian Lake is that the weeds that grow around the lake seem to be disappearing. It seems that it is all around the lake that I am seeing this, not just in one location. The weeds are a very important part of the ecosystem of the lake. Not only do they provide cover for bait-fish and game-fish, including their young, but they also provide erosion control. I can't say what is causing the decline, but in the forty plus years that I have lived here I have not seen this happen before. As many of you know, erosion is a big concern on the lake. I am talking about the shoreline erosion in this

case, so if you are pulling the weeds from around your shoreline you will be speeding up the erosion of your banks. Over the years I have watched the shoreline disappearing, on the south bank. There was a whole section that fell into the lake during a rain storm, just one rainstorm in one night. That was tons of dirt and silt that washed into the lake in a matter of hours, so you can get a good idea what will happen over time. Please consider leaving the weeds in their natural state. This is just one area that can help to improve the lake for years to come.

### **What's a Porcupine?**

A Porcupine is a spherical shape, made of plastic. It's molded with holes to insert  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch PVC tubes into, and create an artificial brush pile. These were weighted with concrete blocks and rise 2.5 to 3 feet off the bottom and are sitting in 6 -8 feet of water just off the face of the Dam.

The nice thing about these is that they do not decompose, so they will last for years, plus the design will keep you from hanging up in it with your baits.





# Trunk or Treat!

Kids and adults enjoyed Trunk or Treat at the park.

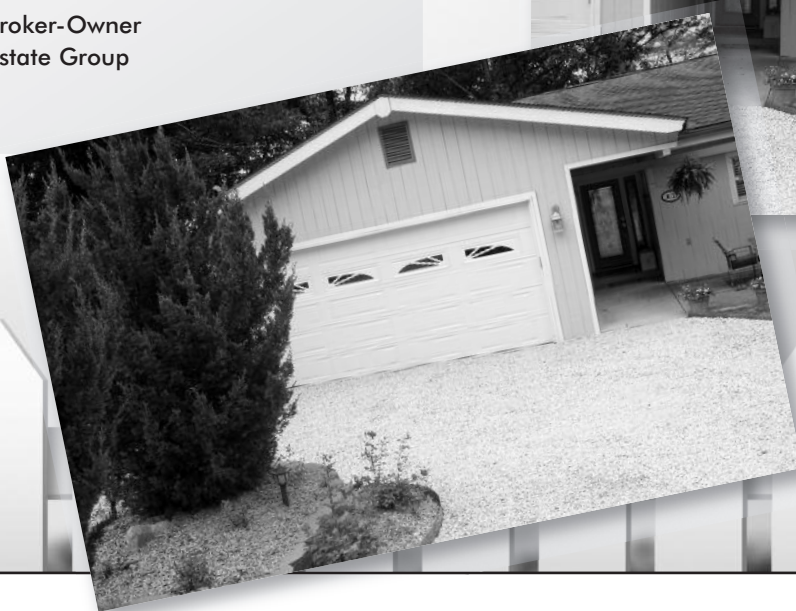


## Magnificent Indian Lake

Although fall is in the air and leaves are beginning to turn, we wanted to give a shout out to Phil Marble who lives at 10131 Indian Lake Blvd. Phil is a relative "newcomer" to our neighborhood but he certainly takes pride in ownership, has attractive landscaping and great curb appeal.

Thanks for being a great neighbor, Phil!

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# Our Park Gets A Facelift

This summer, thanks to a magnificent effort from many neighborhood volunteers, a commercial play set was added to the Indian Lake Community Park.

It was all started by the new kid on the block, Paul Odenwelder. Paul and his family moved into the former Zainey house last spring. Lucky for us, the Odenwelder's church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Westfield, had a play set looking for a new home. The board was contacted by Paul, and after some discussion, the decision was made to remodel the play area at the park!...and this is not your normal back yard play set. It is massive! For instance, upwards of forty-five postholes needed to be dug, and thirty of the posts were from eight to fourteen feet in length and five inches in diameter.

Once again, Mike "The Dirt Guy" Whitesell came to the rescue. He and his excavating equipment were a vital component to the success of the play set installation. His knowledge, skid steer, bulldozer, backhoe, trailers and most importantly, his time, are greatly appreciated by the board. The old slide and semicircular jungle gym (new location yet to be determined) were removed and a forty by fifty foot area for the new set was excavated.

Next, the play set was brought on two trailers to its new home, and the challenge of installing this thing with only pictures and a roughly sketched blue print began.

Without the tireless efforts from many neighborhood volunteers, it may have never been completed. The board would like to thank the Odenwelder family, James Mills, the Legge family, the Thomas family, Craig Schroer, Bob Karnak, Chad Worland, Dan Van Treese, the McDaniel family, Kevin Zainey, the Slocum family, Terry Slocum and the Russell family for giving your valuable time to help erect our new addition to the park. Many of the volunteers worked until after sundown each day of the weekend to get the job done. Special thanks to RJ Russell for coordinating the effort, and making what could have been an entire summer project happen in less than a week.

The poles and platforms were heavy, the digging and leveling seemed endless, and the workers sure felt it in their bones, but in the end, the best part of the entire process was finally giving the kids the green light to raid the play set with no restrictions...fun, fun, fun! Ultimately, with a \$1000 donation to the church split by the ILIA Board and the Civic Committee, another \$500 from the board for materials, hardworking neighbors and a weekend of back breaking volunteer labor we now have a place for our children to burn off that seemingly never ending energy right here in our own community. By the way, our estimated cost of a new comparable play set installed is somewhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000. So, spend some time checking it out, or at least, give it a drive-by. It will easily support the weight of any adult, so give it a try.





# Harmful Aquatic Hitchhikers

Zebra Mussels have invaded the Midwest. Geist Reservoir already has a serious infestation problem.

Native to Russia, zebra mussels were inadvertently introduced into the Great Lakes in 1985 or 1986, when one or more transoceanic ships discharged ballast water into Lake St. Clair.

The mussels clog cooling ports on outboard motors, causing overheating, and the sharp-edged shells can be a hazard to unprotected feet. A side effect of Zebra mussels is increased vegetative growth, which is now plaguing Geist – the Geist Sailing Club has spent \$15,000 to \$20,000 on treatment this year alone.

These hitchhikers can spread to other inland waters either in their immature form known as veligers, or as adults attached to boat hulls, engines and other surfaces. Veligers are small - about the size of the period at the end of this sentence - and may be able to survive in any residual water source. Adult mussels are very hardy and can survive out of water for extended periods. Maximum out-of-water survival time in ideal conditions is about 10 days for adults and 3 days for newly-settled juveniles.



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### How can I prevent the spread of zebra mussels to Indian Lake?

For watercraft that are used in other lakes:

- Remove any visible vegetation from items that were in the water, including the boat, trailer, and all equipment.
- Flush engine cooling system, live wells, and bilge with tap water. If possible, use hot water.
- Do not re-use bait if exposed to infested waters.
- Dry boat and other equipment for at least 48 hours before using in uninfested waters.
- Examine boat exterior for mussels if it has been docked in infested waters; if mussels are found or exterior is heavily fouled by algae, either clean fouled surfaces or leave boat out of the water for at least 5 days before entering uninfested waters.





# Meet The Neighbor: Bob Joseph

by Kimberly Hunt

Be prepared. It's the motto of the Boy Scouts of America, and it must have struck a chord with a young Bob Joseph, when he joined the organization in 1960 as a Cub Scout. For it seems he took it to heart when, at age 15, and a full-fledged Boy Scout, he was faced with the challenge of cooking his own meals and caring for his grandmother during the summers. This situation may conjure up images of stacks of Chef Boyardee cans and a freezer full of frozen pizzas, but that was not Bob's approach. He decided that if he wanted to eat well, he had to learn to cook well. To prepare himself for the challenge, he fervently watched episodes of Julia Childs and the Galloping Gourmet, and immersed himself in the red gingham cover of the Good Housekeeping Cookbook. He learned to cook an impressive variety of foods during those summers, and developed a specialty in French Cuisine.

The Boy Scout motto seems to have stayed with Bob even as he left his childhood home in Michigan City to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree at Purdue University. For many professionals, a BSP Pharm is the culmination of their education to become a pharmacist, but for Bob, this was preparation. He used the degree, not as a means to a career in pharmaceuticals, but as a way to pay for med school at IU's School of Medicine.

After graduating from med school and spending a three-year residency at Indiana University in Internal Medicine, Dr. Joseph did a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. While it cannot be said that Dr. Joseph planned to fall in love with a vibrant young physician's assistant with big dreams of leaving the country, he was, however, fully prepared to rebut her hesitancy to marry a physician with a bright future in the states. He promised her a year abroad, wherever she wanted to go, and with her objection overruled, the only remaining challenge was finding a suitable wedding cake. Not to be thwarted by pastry, Bob determined his culinary skills were up to the challenge, so he created a 4-tier confection of alternating tiers of chocolate and orange Genoise with orange French buttercream icing. After teaching himself the art of cake decorating, it was off to the altar, and on to Ecuador for Dr. and Mrs. Robert Joseph.

In the interest of full disclosure, Bob and Sandy's medical mission in the Andes only lasted 6 weeks. "We worked ourselves out of a job," Bob mused. The overwhelming response to their presence there caused the government to re-open the clinic they had closed down several years earlier. As that experience ended, they returned to the states where Bob began his tenure as one of only two Critical Care Physicians in the Community Health Network in Indianapolis at the time. Bob and Sandy continue to this

day to travel to Latin America each summer to give their time and talents to aid the medical needs of people in Guatemala, El Salvador and Columbia. Though Sandy points out this is not the same as living abroad for a year, Bob replies with a soft chuckle, "I'm making good on my promise one week at a time."

*Bob (center) cooking with the Old Goat Patrol*



Bob and Sandy have now been married for 27 years and have raised three children and one foster son on Indian Lake; Katie (20), Aaron (18) and Annie (15), and Geovany (35). When Aaron got involved in Boy Scouts, it's probably not surprising that Bob took on leadership positions in his troop as assistant scoutmaster, den leader and merit badge counselor. Even now that Aaron has aged-out of the organization, Bob still goes on hiking and bicycling trips with troop 276. His primary role is to provide leadership and guidance to the boys, but there can be no doubt that the other scout leaders, affectionately named "The Old Goat Patrol," may have an ulterior motive, for when Bob joins the "Goats," the menu gets a substantial upgrade. He has been known to serve meals of Chicken Fricassee with mushroom risotto and Dutch Oven cheesecake – not the usual backpacking staples, to be sure.

Currently Bob has a full schedule as the Medical Director of Critical Care at Community Hospital East, holding a clinical faculty appointment at IU, and being both the Chairman of Critical Care and the Chairman of Ethics at Community East and North Hospitals. However, when called upon, Dr. Joseph is still prepared to provide guidance and assistance to boy scouts as a merit badge counselor in the areas of medicine, fly fishing, swimming, life saving, and of course, cooking.

So if you are lucky enough to spot Bob Joseph in the neighborhood, you may want to see if you can get him to invite you over for dinner. He just might be prepared to do so.

*President's message continued...*

These are expected to be inobtrusive. The third lift station will be a regional station, and will handle a substantial portion of Lawrence's sewage, with a projected capacity of 1.8 million gallons per day. This will be an above ground building visible from the street.

One of the possible concerns for the regional station will be odor. This could affect the Indian Lake neighborhood, the Preserve at Indian Lake neighborhood (downwind), and other adjacent homeowners.

In Fishers, there have been odor problems with lift stations smaller than the proposed Indian Lake station. Rick Farnum with Fishers DPW acknowledged these problems and explained some of the methods they use to mitigate odor problems. Oxygen or other oxydizers or

can be injected into the system upstream of the lift station to prevent the formation of hydrogen sulfide. Blowers and activated carbon scrubbers can be employed on the exhausts of the station.

The lead engineer on the project, Mark DeBruler of Beam, Longest & Neff, believes the chances of odor being an issue are slight and can be readily addressed with some additional expenditures in the future. I've requested a written commitment from the City that the hooks to accommodate odor reducing features be included, and that if a problem did occur, the city would agree to remedy it. The project is still in the early design phase, so stay tuned.

## Blast From The Past

This photo was taken over fifty years ago, in April 1962, by Indianapolis star photographer William Oates. Many Indian Lake homes were not yet built, especially along South Drive and Winona.

There was an elaborate dock structure at North Beach, and the island didn't exist. Back then, there was no tennis court

or play equipment at the park. What are now wetlands near the bridge were dry land. The east end of the lake was silted in and dredging equipment was in place. You can find a high resolution scan of this photo at the Photo Album page of the Indian Lake website, [www.indianlakehoa.com](http://www.indianlakehoa.com).

