

INDIAN LAKE

# SMOKE SIGNAL

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Dear Lake Residents:

We are well into the summer months, and I can report our Lake Community is in top condition. Our beaches are in better condition than ever before thanks to the help of everyone who participated in the beach clean-up activities last month. A special thanks goes to Joe Rhorman and Dave Upton for the many hours of personal work they have given to the north beach this spring.

Our lake's water quality is steadily improving. Although the water muddies-up after a hard series of rains, it seems to clear back up after a few dry days. Algae growth has become a problem, especially at the beaches. Copper sulfate will be applied to control algae growth during the remainder of the summer. Our fisheries biologist, Joe Janisch of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, has assured us that copper sulfate properly applied will control algae growth and will not harm fish or people.


Fishing, in my opinion, has been good this spring. I've been catching 12-16 inch largemouth bass, 10-14 inch channel catfish and 6-8 inch bluegills. Crappies are small yet, but larger than I caught last year. There are still alot of carp in the lake, and they keep the mud stirred up in the east half of the lake. However, Joe Janish says that our population of other fish will gradually control the carp. The lack of water weeds in the lake can be attributed to the carp.

Ted Adoley had 8000 bluegills stocked in our lake this spring. Additional stockings will be performed as needed. We intend to insure that our lake's fish population continues to improve.

I want to emphasize the need for everyone to place their lot number on their boats. We have had problems with outsiders fishing and boating on the lake, which have resulted in some distasteful confrontations. Your continued help in controlling outside use of our lake is appreciated and needed.

Your board has voted to change the date and time of our monthly board meetings. The meetings have been changed from 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month to 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. The next Board Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 19th at the home of Ms. French.

Hope to see you at the Lake Picnic.

  
Tom Lyons  
President



# LAKE HAPPENINGS'



Zelda Upton

## Beach Clean-up

Sure seems like a long time ago, but we would like to thank the following people for giving of their time at the Annual Beach Clean-up: Russ & Kurt Koehring, Pat Grey, Dave Kimball, Jack & Carol Sweeney, Dave Kingsbury, Tom Lyons, Ernie Lykes, Dave Bordenkechker, Joe & Clay Rohrman, Bruce & Jane Malcolm, Dave & Zelda Upton, Shelly & Joe Huerkamp, Eddie Thomas, Flo Peck, Gordon Schaney.

## For Sale

The Cummings, 823-4795, have the following ice skates for sale, all are in excellent condition:

Size 11 hockey skates	\$12
Size 11 figure skates	8
Size 8 figure skates	6
Size 6 figure skates	4

## South Beach

Some of you may have noticed the new lock on the South Beach gate. In recent months the South Beach has been plagued with uninvited guests, thieves and vandals. Keys are being issued to those property owners who use the South Beach per their request. Contact Joe Huerkamp for a key. Those who obtain a key are expected to lock the gate if they are the last ones to leave.

## Annual Picnic

It's that time of year again! Everyone begins to look forward to the 3rd Sunday in July (the 18th) when the Annual Indian Lake Picnic will be held at the home of Mrs. Mildred French.

Fried chicken is back on the menu, so bring a hearty appetite. Also, please don't forget to bring your own table service.

In past years there has been some misunderstanding about the guest policy. Only members of the family presently living at Indian Lake are welcome. Relatives and in-town friends are not invited. Out-of-town house guest will be allowed if they are pre-registered. The guest fee will be \$10.

The fun begins at 2:00 p.m. Please, if you have not returned your postcard, do so today.

## Water Testing

The Board of Health says in recent testing that the bacteria count is too high in our lake for safe swimming. This is due to sewage. People who are susceptible to infection easily should be cautious.

Any questions can be best answered by Joe Kelterman at the Board of Health.



# "ACROSS THE FENCE"



Maureen Wagner

Dear Friends,

What makes one community a cold uncaring place to live and another neighborhood just the opposite. Why the people, of course. Homes, scenery, etc. don't make the community, only the people set the standards of a neighborhood.

If you will take a few minutes to think about it, you will realize the tremendous amount of volunteer work it takes to keep Indian Lake the happy place it is. We are truly fortunate to have so many neighbors that use their precious time to serve all the people of our lake. The range of work stretches from keeping the beaches, the lake and the dam in excellent shape to spending hours upon hours every month keeping the administrative side of our organization going.

Now what about asking yourself, how have I been contributing to my friends and neighbors? Have I been a positive, out going, friendly person or have I been a negative, pulling apart, stay at home complainer? Well, the first chance to show how you enjoy your neighbors will be on Sunday, July 18th, our Annual Picnic, when we all promise to turn up smiling and happy, getting to know our neighbors from the North, South, East and West sides. Do send your response card to the ladies committee so enough food will be ordered. Now there is one other important rule for the picnic. You are absolutely not allowed to sit like a bump on a log. You must smile, give a warm hello and introduce yourself. So what if a few people keel over with shock. Just think how fantastic you will feel when so many smile right back at you.

Have you noticed how nice and clean the beaches have been this year? Also, take note of the very solid new tables. With the floats strung around the lake, it sure makes for a clean, well defined swimming area and alot safer beach.

Some of our folks have been traveling. If you have been or are planning on going on vacation, let us all enjoy the travels with you. The Upton family, David, Zelda and the boys, had a glorious 11 days in the beautiful Carolinas. A large part of the time was spent on the ocean, with very few people to share the beach. It sounds like a little bit of heaven.

Jane Quirk took a mini vacation to the sunny wonderland of the Carribean, specifically the Bahamas. What a combination, the waters around the Bahamas and a good sail boat.

I do not under any circumstance want to forget to thank the ladies that worked on the ice cream social. If you did not make it to the event, you where indeed the looser. The ice cream and the variety of toppings were excellent. The conversation was great. Thanks Helen Brodie for the use of your beautiful home.

Have you noticed the tremendous amount of work going on at the Oakie residence. Jack and Jerry are definitely into several large projects. I truly wish they could send some of their enthusiasm and energy my way. I am presently working at two speeds, dead slow and stop.



Frank and Jean Knox lost a dear old companion last week. Sporty, their faithful little dog of 14 years, died.

Dorothy and Paul Klepfer spent a long weekend in Chicago. Dottie really had me laughing. She had gone up in one of those new elevators, the glass kind on the outside of the building. After that experience, there was no way Paul could get her to go to the top of the Sears Tower. Don't worry Dottie, I know another lady who did just that, looked out the windows and made a hasty retreat to the elevator and descended all in a matter of a very few minutes. The Klepfers made the journey to Chicago by train and can heartily recommend that.

One family here on the Lake was delighted to have a member of their family home for the month of May. Ardis and Jim Stearns had yellow ribbons on the trees for a very touching welcome to their son, Steve. Steve had been stationed in Germany for a year with the U.S. Army. He will be returning stateside to California about the beginning of 1983. We hope the entire family enjoyed Steve's leave.

There's not a day goes by that we don't see the Silent Witness of Nature. Psalm 19 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork."

Thought: To see God's hand in everything makes life a great adventure.

Maureen