

INDIAN LAKE

SMOKE SIGNAL

September, 1982

Dear Lake Residents,

Looks like another summer is about behind us; and, it appears that our lake community has come through the recreation season in fine shape. During the past months, many activities have occupied your Board's time. Most of these activities such as care and maintenance of the beaches, the playground, and the dam; the posting of new no trespassing signs; the heavy trash pick-up; the fish management; and many more should be obvious to everyone.

I am going to utilize the remainder of this letter to talk about a few of the less well known activities with which your Board has been involved.

Collection of past due assessments has consumed a considerable amount of time during the past few meetings. As of the August board meeting, approximately 30 Association members were delinquent in paying their 1982 assessment dues. This is unfair to those members who pay their assessments promptly, and it creates a financial problem for the Association.

In 1969, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution that was precedent in handling the delinquent assessments. Following is a summary of this resolution:

1. As soon as is feasible after June 30, Association members who have not paid their annual assessment will be notified of their delinquent status by certified mail.
2. If the total assessment due of any Association member is not paid on or before the first business day of September, a lien will be filed against the Association member's property without notice, and that member will be obligated to pay costs, attorney fees and interest.
3. One year after the filing of a lien, the Board authorizes the attorneys for the Association to institute court action against a delinquent member in accordance with the by-laws of the Association. Thereafter, such delinquent Association member will automatically lose all privileges of the Association.

Your Board has unanimously voted to strictly adhere to this procedure. Because there are several delinquent assessments over one year old, your Board has authorized the attorneys for the Association to institute court action this September against all lot owners with assessments delinquent for 1981 and earlier.

This is not the type of activity that your Board enjoys doing. The Board realizes that these are difficult economic times for many people, and we do not wish to impose economic hardships on any of our neighbors who are feeling the pinch of these times. For this reason, anyone with a delinquent assessment payment should contact Jack Sweeney immediately. Jack would be most willing to work out a payment arrangement with anyone having financial difficulties.

In the last Smoke Signal, an article appeared concerning the high bacteria levels in our lake. The bacteria that is present is "fecal coliform". This bacteria develops from raw sewage. Obviously, somewhere within the watershed of Indian Lake, raw sewage is being dumped into Indian Creek.

We have an immediate and severe problem. The Marion County Board of Health has realized our problem and has been very cooperative. They have increased their frequency of testing the water of Indian Creek and Indian Lake.

They have done a most appreciated job of evaluating the extent of pollution. However, they have not been able to locate the source or sources of pollution or provide recommendations on how we may be able to solve the problem. I have written thanking them for their help and asking for their continued help.

In addition, I have written to the Indiana State Board of Health asking for help. Included in the Smoke Signal is a copy of my letter to the Marion County Board of Health. I believe it provides a fairly good description of our pollution problem.

In addition, a copy of the Marion County Health Department's response to my letter is included. No response has been received from the Indiana State Board of Health. Until the pollution problem is corrected, especially during the swimming months, water sample results will be published as soon as they are received from the Marion County Health Department.

The possibility that our Lake is being used as a sewage dumping ground by someone is nothing less than infuriating to me. Our community should use every available resource to identify, locate and solve the problem.

Public support is going to be needed to stop the pollution. Your Board is not going to be able to generate enough public support by itself. Your help is needed.

Shelly Huerkamp and Jane Quirk are heading up a committee on our water quality problem. It was through their efforts that we have obtained the water testing information and increased assistance from the Marion County Board of Health. Please coordinate your efforts with Shelly or Jane.

Remember that our monthly Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. We look forward to having Association members attend our meetings.

Sincerely,

Tom Lyons

LAKE HAPPENINGS'



Telephone Directory

By now each family should have received two copies of the new Indian Lake telephone directory. If you were missed, please contact Carol Sweeney for a copy.

Beaches

At the September meeting, the Board voted that the beaches on our property will be closed from December 1 thru March 31. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

In regards to the Marion County Health Department's letter (copy enclosed), the Board asks that individuals not put chlorine in the lake. Chlorination will be supervised by the Board.

Emergency Calling Committee

In the past our community has used an Emergency Calling Committee to telephone lake residents and inform them of necessary news or happenings. This Committee has fallen by the wayside and the Women's Committee is currently re-establishing this vital Committee. We would like to thank those residents who have agreed to help us with this important task.

Bus Stop Shelters

As reported previously, the Board has approved funds for the construction of school bus stop shelters. Parents of school age children on the West Drive and on the South Drive are needed to make this project a reality. Bad weather is around the corner. Call your neighbor today and see if a work party can be formed to get this job underway. These shelters will not build themselves, your help is needed.

For Sale

Regulation size pool table, ball return, slate top and lots of accessories. Excellent Condition. Call Virginia Cummings, 823-4795.

Tasting Party

The Women's Committee is busy making plans for a Tasting Party to be held on October 19th at the home of Will and Flo Peck. Tickets are \$3 per person and are available from Freda Helfer, Dolores Serra and Zelda Upton. Recipe books will be available the night of the tasting party for \$1.

Please call for your tickets as soon as possible. Lake residents will be given first chance to purchase the tickets before solicitation begins of non-residents.