

# Calendar of Events

## EVENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, May 17, 2004  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Mary Lou Powers Home

### BEACH CLEAN-UP

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2004  
Time: 9:00am  
Locations: North and South Beaches

### NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2004  
Time: 8 am - 3 pm  
Location: Your garage!

### FAMILY BEACH PARTY

Date: Saturday, June 13th  
Time: to be announced  
Location: North Beach

### JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

#### BOAT PARADE, BIKE PARADE, AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Date: Sunday, July 4, 2004  
Time: 2 pm - 4 pm  
Location: South Beach

### CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, July 12, 2004 (2nd Monday)  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Sherry Wallace's Home

### ANNUAL ILIA PICNIC

Date: Sunday, July 18, 2004  
Time: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: French Estate

Spring 2004

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

♦ INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ♦

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE FORMED

At the April 7 meeting, the Indian Lake Board voted to form the Bylaw Review Committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide recommendations to the board in matters concerning Indian Lake bylaws and rules.

Contact the committee if you have any concerns or questions about the neighborhood bylaws and rules. It's especially important to call before starting your next construction project. The bylaws prohibit or restrict many types of structures that most people assume are allowed. Recently, the board had to intervene in this type of situation, resulting in great personal expense to a resident. Don't think it can't happen to you. Call before you build.

Members of this committee are Bill Asher, John Repass and Jeff VanTreese. Contact information is in the "When You Need to Call" section of the Smoke Signal.

### INDIAN LAKE SURVEY PLANNED

The board and Civic Committee are jointly planning an Indian Lake Survey, to be distributed sometime in late spring.

Like the last survey (April 1998), this one will help the board know how to direct its efforts for both the long and short term. It will similarly help the Civic Committee. This survey will contain more specific questions than the previous edition, and will provide background information where appropriate. Summary results will be published in the Smoke Signal.

The Board and Civic Committee invite your questions for inclusion in the survey. This is your chance to get everyone in the neighborhood thinking about the subject of your choice. Contact Valarie Canfield or me if you have a question to suggest.

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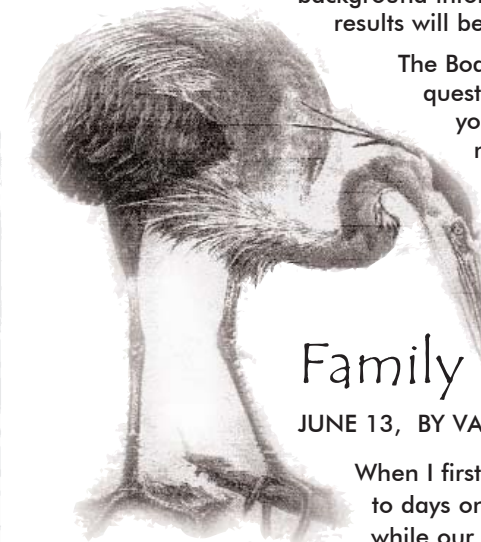
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## Family Beach Gathering

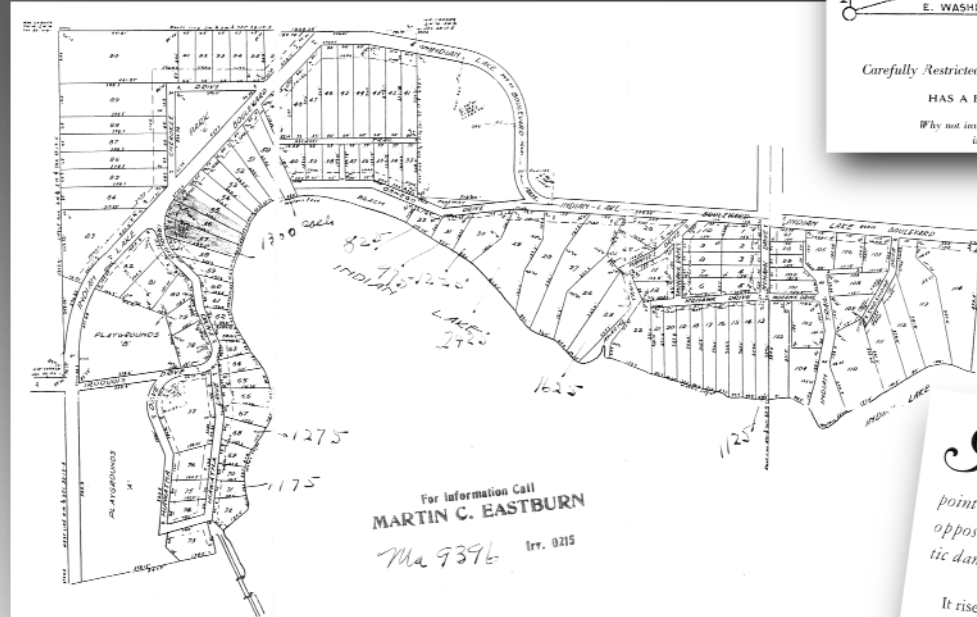
JUNE 13, BY VALARIE CANFIELD

When I first moved to Indian Lake, I looked forward to days on the beach socializing with other mothers while our children frolicked in the water. I was disappointed when time after time there were no other families using the beach. Have you ever felt the same way? I have since learned that in past years there were more families getting together at the beach. Please come to the North beach on Saturday, June 13th for a family-oriented beach get together. The civic committee will provide hot dogs and the drinks, and you bring your family and a covered dish to share. I hope to see you there!

## Circa 1941

This 1941 Indian Lake Development Company sales brochure asks "Why not investigate the few lakeside sites available in this section of the country." In 1941, Indian Lake was the largest body of water in central Indiana. (Geist Reservoir was created in 1943, Morse in 1956 and Eagle Creek in 1967.) Note the lot prices penciled in on the brochure.

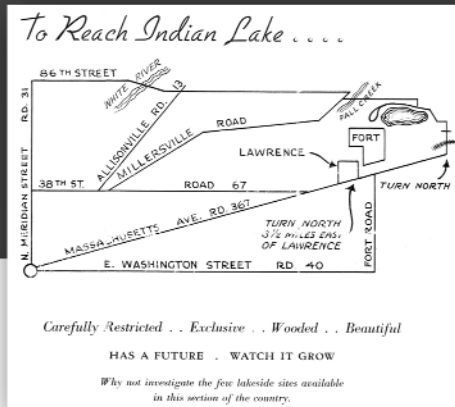
Courtesy of Jack Sweeney.



*Indian Lake Development Company*

1030 EAST NINTH STREET

TELEPHONE CHERRY 7578



*INDIAN LAKE DAM* was constructed 12 years ago. At a point where the hills approach on opposite sides of Indian Creek, a gigantic dam is built, 610 feet long.

It rises 35 feet from a depth of 15 feet below the ground level, anchored in hardpan. A 75-foot concrete spillway controls the water level and shore line of the lake.

LARGEST BODY OF WATER IN CENTRAL INDIANA

Indian Lake, thus controlled, is the largest body of water within many miles of Indianapolis.

Only 14 miles from the Center of Indianapolis.



*If you know of anyone who will be graduating, having a baby, or any other news you would like to share with the community, please e-mail the information to RUMREICHL@hotmail.com, and it will be included in the next Smoke Signal.*

## Across the Fence

Welcome to new residents Jeff and Anne Sharp at 10425 Indian Lake Blvd., N. Dr. (formerly Laminack's home).

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Isaiah Wallace will graduate from Lawrence North High School. He will begin college this summer at Indiana University.

### IN SYMPATHY

The Indian Lake Community extends their sympathy to Mark and Ginger McCardia and their family for the loss of their son, Lucas Hughes, and to Dorothy Hines and her son Christian for the loss of her husband, Phillip. Dorothy sent a note to the Civic Committee stating: "Dear friends at Indian Lake: Thank you all for your kindness and for all your efforts during the last week. All the food was wonderful. Christian and I are very grateful."

We also extend our sympathy to Becky Lee on the death of her mother in March and to Jim Hoskins, whose mother, longtime resident Louise Hoskins, recently died. She lived on the lake for many years in the home now owned by Jim and his wife Deanne.

### THANK YOU

Thanks to Mrs. Harris for providing equipment access through her property for soil sampling at the dam. Thanks to Ron and Dawn Manley for the backhoe work to prepare the access path for this work.

## Excerpt from the 1975 Smoke Signal

We thought everyone might enjoy seeing what was going on in our community in years past. It's nice to see several familiar names and to know that these families have stayed in our community for so many years.

## HISTORY OF INDIAN LAKE

P A R T I X

The American Indian had to draw upon the world which surrounded him to provide all of his needs on a daily basis. He believed the world had been created by the "Great Spirit" for that purpose. Like everyone, the lives of Indians were filled with both wonderful experiences and dreadful events. To explain such extreme variations, Indians adept in spiritual matters called shamans described lesser spiritual beings subordinate to the "Great Spirit" which could project good or evil upon the life of an individual or a group. Dealing with these other spiritual elements was looked upon as a complex and even dangerous activity which should be left to the shamans who were trained for that sort of thing.

To be most effective, the shamans had to surround their activities with a sense of mystery. To do this they often lived some distance from the main community. This was done so any demon summoned by a shaman who got out of control would be less apt to bring harm to the village occupants. It also served the shamans need to surround his activities with mystery. This arrangement appears to have been the practice of the Indians living in the Indian Lake region we now occupy.

According to David W. Penny, a consultant for the Smithsonian Institution, the Delaware Indians who lived in this area believed in an ancient myth which required them to practice a yearly ritual exercise. The essence of the myth was that sometime in the past the Delaware tribe had been stricken by a sever famine and two young boys decided they would try to ease the communities suffering. The boys traveled deep into the forest in their search for game. There they met a fearsome supernatural being who called himself "Stone Face". He taught the boys how to conduct an elaborate twelve-day ritual. He promised he would supply their community with abundant game if they performed the ceremony to honor him on a regular basis at the beginning of each year. The two boys returned with this sacred knowledge and organized the ritual that came to be known as the "Big House Ceremony."

## A BIT OF NOSTALGIA

Compliments of Mary Warren

The first Indian Lake Civic Committee met May 23, 1962 at the home of Lois Armstrong who served as temporary chairman and was later elected permanent chairman. Seven other women attended, only two of whom still live on the lake - Lou Powers and Jody Trittipio.

Stanley Dayton, a member of the board at that time, explained the duties and responsibilities expected of the committee. Stanley and Helen Dayton lived in the home now owned by Jack and Pat Grey.

Their first project was to be a coffee klatch which was to be held at the Indian Lake Country Club and all women living at the lake were to be invited.

The women agreed that they would like to be known as the Indian Lake Squaws. A treasurer was not elected as the board was asked for \$25.00, and small projects such as bake sales and recipe sales would help pay for incidentals.

In 1963 Mary Nicholas and Maureen Wagner joined the committee. Some of the activities for that year were a fishing derby, a kite flying contest and an Easter egg roll.

At the March 6th, 1963 meeting it was decided the newsletter would be called the "Smoke Signal", and it was typed and mimeographed by Lois Armstrong and Dottie Kummerer.

A big event of 1963 was an ice cream social held at Sheila Scobie's home. The women made 12 gallons of ice cream on Saturday before the social on Sunday and stored it in Dottie Klepfer's freezer. They grossed \$42.50 at the social. Sheila Scobie, now deceased, and her husband lived in the home now owned by Jack and Carol Sweeney.

Since that time, many other projects and changes have been instituted.

This article first appeared in the July 1975 edition of the Smoke Signal.



# HISTORY OF INDIAN LAKE *continued...*

The Big House was the location where the ceremony took place each year. It was a structure built communally some distance away from the village. Each year the village residents went to the Big House for a period of twelve days to perform the rituals dedicated to the spirit Stone Face. Dances were alternated with feasting at the site of the Big House to enlist the support of Stone Face to make the coming year prosperous. This practice was very similar to the twelve days of Christmas celebrations our ancestors practiced.

In the Delaware Indian ceremony, the twelve days of the ritual devoted to Stone Face were divided into four units of three days representing each of the seasons of the year. The last three days were considered the most important of the sequence. In that period a shaman wearing a Great Stone Face mask and a bearskin would appear to assure everyone that nature would be bountiful with its gifts during the coming new year. Our Christmas Santa Claus and New Year's Eve celebrations are events of a similar nature which we practice in our society.

The Indian dancing during the Big House ceremony was accompanied by drummers using special drumsticks carved with faces on them. One drumstick represented males and the other females. The faces on the drumsticks were painted half red and half black. This coloring represented dawn and dusk, birth and death, and the cycle of life which is filled with both good and bad experiences.

At the location of the Indians Big House ceremony at the beginning of each year, specially selected boulders marking the seasons were placed in the ground. These objects are still present. The most important of these calendar stones were placed in locations where they could be viewed from the entrance to the Big House. It is a relatively simple exercise to draw lines of sight from these locations until they intersect at the spot where the entrance to the Big House was probably located. This spot only occupies a tiny area in our community.



Additional analysis seems to indicate the ritual location on our lake had a geographical relationship with several mound formations. Sunrise of the first day of summer aligns with the Calendar Mound in Mounds State Park at Anderson, IN., Sunrise on the first day of winter aligns with the mound at Cincinnati, OH., A line drawn directly west from the Angel Mound at Evansville, IN. intersects a line drawn from this location at sunset on the first day of winter at the mound at Kasaskia, IL where the Ohio River joins the Mississippi River. A line drawn directly north from this area passes through the Straits of Mackinac in MI. which is a key narrow passage between the Great Lakes. A line drawn directly south from this area passes through an important recent sight for excavations of Indian relics near New Albany, IN. where Archeologists were given 14 million dollars to conduct their work. That same line passes through Mammoth Cave, KY, and a sacred Indian ceremonial site just east of Nashville, TN. near the Cumberland River. A line drawn toward sunset on the first day of summer passes through the Dixon Mounds which are located in the vicinity of the Illinois River near Havana, IL. Locally, a line drawn from the mound which once existed behind Craig Jr. High School which was nearly 45 feet in height passes through the ceremonial area. That mound was used for fill dirt. A second local mound relating to this ceremonial location was located on a farm in what is now Castleton. The Castleton mound was finally totally destroyed in the 1960's. All of these mound relationships provide a clue as to why the Indians would have selected a remote site on what is now Indian Lake as the location for their ceremonial Great House and why they would have placed numerous stones marking each season in this area. This site seems to be an American Indian equivalent to Stone Henge which they looked upon as vital in maintaining their well being.

In the 1830's the Indians were forced to leave their homes and hunting grounds in this area by the Indian Removal Act. Indians appealed their case to the Supreme Court of the United States. They claimed they represented nations which had made valid treaties with the United States which had been ratified by the Senate which guaranteed their rights to the lands they were living on. The Supreme Court found in their favor. President Andrew Jackson who the Indians had supported during his military campaigns when he was a General ignored the Supreme Court's decision. Without legal sanction, he ordered federal troops to remove the Indians forcefully if they refused to leave voluntarily.

The Indians forced to leave this area were reported to have been sullen and silent as they moved west on the first leg of their journey to a new and unknown land. They went west along what is now 71st Street and then moved along what is now 75th Street. The stones they left behind at the Big House ceremonial site carry a silent message. The message is: WE AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO PROCEEDED US AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW US WILL PASS AWAY AND BE FORGOTTEN, BUT THE SEASONAL EVENTS MARKED BY THE CALENDAR STONES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH ETERNITY.

Attempts are being made to recruit professionals to visit this site on the lake and confirm if the artifacts are what they appear to be. If their findings confirm the authenticity of this American Indian Stone Henge, the site will probably be designated as a rare historical location which should be preserved for future generations to observe and study.

Pictures of the drumsticks used in the Big House ceremony are being included as a special feature of this part of our local history. Pictures of a medicine stick showing the various herbs a Medicine

Man could prescribe for an illness or personal problem is also being included to show just how sophisticated the Indians could be.

NEXT TIME: the squatters who moved into the area after the Indian departure.

John Repass

*Female and male drumsticks used in the Big House ceremony to Stone Face*

*Medicine stick used by medicine men to select herbs for treatments*





# Slow Down in our Neighborhood

With school soon coming to an end, we'll see more children playing outside. Since our community does not have sidewalks, it does make it a challenge to walk to our neighbor's homes, ride bikes, walk the dog and other activities. Since at times all of us find ourselves walking/ riding "on the street," please observe the speed limits on all of the streets in and surrounding our neighborhood (don't forget 25 mph on Winona, many residents walk/ride along this street)! In addition to helping keep our families safe, this also discourages "cut-through" traffic from speeding through our neighborhood.

# Curb Appeal

We'd like to share pictures of some of the great landscaping and home improvement projects going on in the neighborhood. Send us your before & after photos (or call us and we'll shoot some) and we'll print them in the Smoke Signal.

# When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Gary Keithley	823-6561
Beach reservations - any board member	
Boat slip rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and rules - Bill Asher	826-1505
Civic Committee - Valarie Canfield	826-1825
Property maintenance - Fred Lee	823-4687
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Bob Karnak (vp)	826-8952
Gary Keithley (secretary/treasurer)	823-6561
Bill Asher	826-1505
Ed French	823-4431
Fred Lee	823-4687
Dan Miller	823-8238
John Repass	823-6008
Andy VanTreese	823-8990
Jeff VanTreese	823-6690

# Action Grant Awarded

In September 2003, Indian Lake board member Craig Schroer submitted a Neighborhood Action Grant application to the City of Indianapolis for a bank stabilization project on Indian Lake property. This grant program is made available to neighborhood associations seeking to conduct activities related to environmental, cultural, and beautification projects.

In January 2004, the ILIA received a grant award for \$3,310 to install engineered materials designed to reduce soil erosion along the shoreline and encourage the growth of plants. The project area is the shoreline along a portion of the common area known as Indian Trail. This area is suffering significant erosion due to flow through of water and wave action. It will also help preserve the beauty, cultural and historic quality of this community.

The objective for this project is to stop erosion of the shoreline thus reducing soil loss and sedimentation while encouraging plant growth. This project would also improve the beauty of the community and quality of habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other animals. The proposed technology is a natural and low cost option.

The proposed scope of the project is to install 60 feet of 20 inch BankSaver FibreLog as well as 12 inch BankSaver PlantLog parallel to the shoreline at the Indian Trail common area. This area is significantly eroded and continues to erode in a bank cut of about four feet in height. These materials will allow vegetation to grow forming a natural shoreline.

If we find this environmentally friendly approach to be effective, it could be a low cost option for private land owners around the lake to slow down or even stop erosion.

What a deal! It's free, almost! Jim Blazek, owner of King Fibre and Nutech Supply has graciously offered free consulting on the installation, but we must provide a labor force. The ILIA is seeking neighborhood volunteers to help with this project. Here's your chance to become involved. It should take about one day to complete if we have at least four strong backs and one pontoon boat. The project is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Craig Schroer at 10333 Indian Lake Blvd. N. Dr. His telephone number is 823-6603.

For more info regarding the product and how it will be used, you can visit their web site at [www.kingfibre.com/main.html](http://www.kingfibre.com/main.html).

# Lost & Found

Several jackets were left behind at the Easter Egg hunt. If your child misplaced a jacket and you think it might have been left at the Easter Egg Hunt, please call Valarie Canfield to claim it.



Mark Rumreich accepts the Neighborhood Action Grant for Indian Lake from Indianapolis mayor Bart Peterson

# Smoke Signal

We have created the Smoke Signal in electronic format to simplify publishing. The goal of the Civic Committee is to publish the Smoke Signal four times per year. We welcome your feedback, suggestions for topics and submissions!

Please e-mail us at [RUMREICHL@hotmail.com](mailto:RUMREICHL@hotmail.com) or call Lori Rumreich at 823-3897 or Valarie Canfield at 826-1825.

# This Year's Egg Hunt

Springtime is finally upon us and in the grand tradition of the Indian Lake Community, our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 10th.

The Easter Bunny paid us a visit again this year with his basket full of treats! Many families participated and there were plenty of goodie-filled easter eggs to go around. As always, there were prizes by age group for those who found the most eggs and the "golden" egg.

## WINNERS THIS YEAR ARE:

**AGE 8-10:**  
Most Eggs: (Tie) Zach Sweeney and Marlow Rumreich, 19 eggs

Golden Egg: Hannah Sweeney

**AGE 5-7:**  
Most Eggs: Sam Hedrick and Victoria Zainey

Golden Egg: CJ Ragonesi

**AGE 4 AND UNDER:**  
Most Eggs: Cayley Fenimore, 17 eggs

Golden Egg: Mailan Brown

# Monte Carlo Night was a Success

This year's Monte Carlo night had a Mardi Gras theme. The evening was a fun diversion from the winter blahs! The Indian Lake Country Club was decorated in purple, green, and yellow, and beads were handed out as party favors. The attendance and income generated were smaller than in past years; however, those in attendance had more fun. With only three advanced sale tickets sold at the club, the crowd was almost exclusively ILIA residents. This gave the evening a more social flair. Many lake residents volunteered to help set-up, work a one-hour shift, or clean-up. Thank you to all who helped. The civic committee netted over five hundred dollars to be used for improvements like the picnic tables or basketball goal which were purchased just in the last two years.

