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Looking for Indian Lake Info

We're looking for information to make the Indian Lake website and future editions of the Smoke Signal even better. We're especially interested in:

- Smoke Signals from the nineties
- documents from the thirties, forties or fifties
- old Indian Lake phone directories
- old photos relating to Indian Lake

Please contact rumreich@gmail.com if you can help.

The chilly weather didn't dampen the excitement at the Easter egg hunt.

Join the Indian Lake Email List

Feel like you're missing out on late-breaking Indian Lake news and information? Join the Indian Lake email list! It's simple - send an email to rumreich@gmail.com and ask to be added to the list.

You'll start receiving information that won't reach you in any other way such as:

- crime watch alerts
- lost and found boats
- rescheduled meetings
- short notice events
- road closings

There's no spam, and all emails are sent BCC (blind carbon copy), so your email address won't be revealed to anyone, including other email list members.

Indian Lake Smoke Signal

♦ INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ♦

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The board would like to welcome new board members Ron Gillum and Ben Slocum and returning member Andy Van Treese. Ron and Ben replaced retiring board members Fred Lee and Bob Karnak.

The board would like to thank Fred and Bob for their many years of service to the Indian Lake community. Bob served on the board for six years, and Fred a remarkable 21 consecutive years!

DREDGE IS NOW PAID OFF

As a result of our settlement with INDOT, we were able to pay off the balance of our dredge loan. The dredge was purchased in the fall of 2000, at a cost of about \$190k. We were paying 8.2 percent interest, and had a remaining term of 31 months on a principal of \$50k. The loan was paid off on January 17.

SPOILS AREA EXCAVATION PLANNED

Our dredging spoils area is now filled to near-capacity, and will need to be re-excavated this summer. It was last excavated in July of 2000, in preparation for our then new dredge. The capacity of the spoils area was surveyed at the time, and found to be 25,000 cubic yards. We hope to restore this capacity by digging out the center of the bowl and pushing the dirt further out and higher at the rim. We're also exploring providing some of the soil for clean construction fill or to a soil processing plant.

We've been getting quotations from a number of excavating contractors and have been informed that it will be more expensive and difficult to work in the spring, when the soil is saturated with water. We're working to keep the spoils area pumped out, but frequent rains are keeping the soil wet.

If we delay excavation until July, we'll need to redirect our dredge crew with other projects until then. One option is dredging without pumping to the spoils area. This is possible by using Geotube technology.

Geotubes are giant fabric socks, typically about 100 feet long by 25 feet wide. They are placed on land, in a shallow trench. The dredge pumps directly into the sock, and the silt stays in while the water seeps out. These were used at Lake Freeman in Monticello last year for a major dredging project.

We've obtained miniature sample socks from two manufacturers, and tested them with silt samples taken from Indian Lake. 2 1/2 gallons of silt were thoroughly mixed with an equal amount of lake water for each test. To our amazement, the bags held the silt, and only clear water seeped from the bags.

The performance of the Geotubes can be improved by adding a chemical flocculent, which causes small particles to clump into larger particles. This allows water to seep from the bags more quickly because the pores of the fabric don't get clogged. It also increases the density of the sediment trapped in the socks, effectively increasing the amount of sediment we can capture with each Geotube. The biggest problem is where to place the Geotubes. The board is studying several locations along the western end of the lake as well as the Association property east of South Beach.

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Jeff Van Treese, Matt Zainey, and Ben Slocum perform a Geotube silt test



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 - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Gary Keithley (secretary/treasurer)	823-6561
Ed French	823-4431
Ron Gillum	723-3917
Jim Hoskins	826-4944
Mike Hurd	823-0313
Paul Legge	823-7133
Ben Slocum	723-3079
Andy VanTreese	823-8990

Across the Fence

INDIAN LAKE GRADUATES

Congratulations to **Chrissy Vogt** and **Will McDaniel** both of whom will be graduating from Lawrence North High School on May 24. **Chrissy** and **Will** are both college bound and we wish them well as they start this new chapter in their lives.

NEW BABY ON BOARD

The newest member of our community arrived Tuesday, April 22, weighing in at just over nine pounds. **Devon Kelley** joins brother **Sean**, and parents **Scott** and **Sarah**. Welcome, **Devon**!

NEW NEIGHBORS

After remodeling is complete, new neighbors will be moving into 10207 Indian Lake Blvd N (second house east of Oswego Dr.). We'll introduce the **Ghaffans** in the next edition of the Smoke Signal.

IN SYMPATHY

The Indian Lake community wishes to extend it's sympathy to **Chris Beechler** and her family at the passing of **Chris' father John "Jack" Connelly**. **Mr. Connelly** passed away on Thursday, April 10.

Mark Your Calendars

May 19, 7:30 Civic Committee Meeting
Wallace's: 10103 Indian Lake Blvd S
Agenda will include planning new playground equipment

July 4 Independence Day Celebration on Indian Lake

July 14, 7:30 Civic Committee Meeting
McDaniel's pontoon boat
7135 Indian Lake Blvd W

July 20 Annual Picnic
French Estate

Civic Committee Members Wanted

Please join us - as a regular or part time participant - at our bi-monthly meetings. You'll have an opportunity to meet or reacquaint yourself with neighbors, socialize, plan events and drive change within our community.

The Civic Committee plans or provides support for the following events/activities:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Monte Carlo
- Beach Cleanup
- Flowers in community areas
- Annual Picnic
- Progressive Holiday Dinner
- Christmas Luminaries
- New Playground Equipment

New events/activities/improvements YOU want to support.

Future Meetings:

May 19, 7:30 Wallace's: 10103 Indian Lake Blvd S -
Agenda will include planning new playground equipment

July 14, 7:30 McDaniel's pontoon boat:
7135 Indian Lake Blvd W

Sept. 15, 7:30 Sharp's:
10425 Indian Lake Blvd N (round house)

Nov. 17, 7:30 Canfield's:
10421 Indian Lake Blvd N

New Entrance Signs

The Civic Committee has been thinking about new entrance signs for the neighborhood for some time. It seems the time has finally come for this project.

An entrance sign committee was formed in February to study replacing our aging Indian Lake Community entrance signs. The committee includes representatives from the board, civic committee and other interested residents. Indian Lake artist Sarah Rohrman is lending her artistic talents to this project. The first meeting was held on March 3rd at Sarah's home.

The committee has been looking into low maintenance materials, such as granite, stained concrete, and various man-made materials. We've contacted a number of sign companies, including Sign Studio, Image Mark, and Wagner Signs, the company that designed M/I Homes' Woods at Indian Lake stained-concrete entrance sign.

The committee is considering a number of fonts, logos and designs that provide the right look for our community. Sarah produced numerous heron logos at the request of the committee. She also provided a lake shore silhouette logo which the committee seems to be growing fond of. The committee may keep the current "Indian Lake Community" wording. It's also contemplating using "Indian Lake a Private Community."

The pictures show just a few of the many sign ideas being explored by the committee. Anyone wanting to get involved with this project is encouraged to join.



Indian Lake Window Decals

If you ever park your vehicle at North or South Beach, be sure you have an Indian Lake decal in your back window. This lets residents know it's not a trespasser. If you need a decal, they're available from Gary Keithley.



Add a Backyard Rain Barrel

What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise runoff and be diverted to storm drains, streams, and lakes. It is composed of a 55 gallon drum (plastic or wooden), a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, a screen grate to keep debris and insects out, and other common items. A rain barrel is relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under a residential gutter downspout.

What are the advantages of a rain barrel?

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most - during periods of drought - to water plants, wash your car, or top a swimming pool. It provides an ample supply of free "soft water" to homeowners and contains no chlorine, lime or calcium. This makes it ideal for gardens, flower pots, and car and window washing.

A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water). Diverting water from storm drains also decreases the impact of runoff to streams and lakes. Therefore, a rain barrel is an easy way for you to help protect our lake and have a consistent supply of clean, fresh water for outdoor use, for FREE!

Benefits:

- Reduces runoff volumes.
- Conserves water for reuse.
- Provides irrigation water during watering restrictions.
- Saves money and energy.
- Protects the Indian Lake watershed.
- It's clean and fresh.

You can purchase a commercial rain barrel kit or build your own from scratch for about \$20. For more information, visit www.marionswcd.org.



Indian Lake Improvement Association Dissolved

When the board received notice that Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita had administratively dissolved the Indian Lake Improvement Association, it was like a bad April fool's joke. But it was no joke - the Association had failed to submit annual reports with the accompanying annual fee for about five years, so Indiana pulled the plug.

Indiana law requires that all corporations (which includes homeowner's associations) provide annual reports, including up-to-date lists of officers.

The misunderstanding occurred because the state had been sending its mailings to the incorrect address for the Association.

We're now in the process of submitting the forms to reinstate the Association. We'll have to pay the fees for the negligent years as well as a small penalty, but we should soon be back in the good graces of the state.

Trash Treking

If you're up early on weekends, you've probably spotted Indian Lake residents Jim and Donna Whalen on litter patrol. They cover the entire neighborhood, from South Beach all the way to the dam. Weather permitting, they make the trash trek every weekend. It's good exercise and keeps our neighborhood looking clean. Say hello next time you see them out.



Indian Lake Improvement Association

LAKE, BEACH AND WATER SAFETY REGULATIONS

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

All lot owners and member of their families using the lake or other Association property must have an IndianLake decal placed in the rear window of their vehicle. If all members cooperate by using decals, intruders will be obvious. **Remember: you must be a lot owner, family member of a lot owner or guest of a lot owner in order to have lake privileges.**

IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS

Lot owners are permitted to invite guests to use the lake or other Association property.

1. A maximum of two guests per lot is permitted.
2. The lot owner must accompany guests at all times.
3. Parties or picnics that consist of numerous guests must receive prior approval from the board of directors. Please plan your party far enough in advance to allow the Board to act upon your request at a regular monthly Board meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF BOATS

No watercraft shall be permitted to operate unless legally owned by a lot owner. The lot number must be prominently displayed on the side of the boat.

BOATING REGULATIONS

Boating regulations as set forth by the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources will apply. In addition, the operator of every water craft will, at all times, operate the craft in a careful and prudent manner, having due regard for the rights, safety and property of others.

1. Watercraft with motors shall not exceed ten miles per hour nor create a wake.
2. Water skiing is not permitted.
3. Watercraft operating between sundown and sunrise must display a light, which is clearly visible to other boats on the lake.

4. Watercraft must be kept in good repair.
5. Lot owners may store their watercraft in the grassy area at the North or South Beach over the winter at their own risk. Watercraft must be removed from the water during the winter.
6. Slips will be available for rental for \$125 per season at the North or South Beach.
7. No jet skis/wave runners are permitted on the lake.
8. All watercraft must be marked with the lot number.

BEACH USE

A Beach Committee and Lake Members maintain the beaches. Please keep the beaches clean by policing the area after use by picking up cans, papers, etc., and placing refuse in the containers provided.

1. For health and safety reasons, no animals are permitted in the beach area.
2. No glass containers are allowed in the beach area.
3. Vehicles present at the beaches must have an Indian Lake decal posted in the rear window.
4. Lot owners must accompany their guest at all times.
5. No overnight camping is permitted.
6. All fires must be put out before leaving the beach.

NORTH AND SOUTH BEACH SCHEDULES

Beaches are closed according to the following schedule:

Friday and Saturday: Midnight - 4 AM
Sunday through Thursday: 11 PM - 4 AM

In addition, the South Beach gate is subject to being locked after 9 PM.

This schedule applies to all common Lake property including beaches, lake, dam, East End, park and easements.

SWIMMING REGULATIONS

No lifeguards are provided. All lot owners and their guests swim at their own risk. For your safety, observe all Red Cross Water Safety Rules.

Diving or swimming from the dam or levee is extremely dangerous and is **not permitted**.

Be considerate of the Indian Lake community - if you drink, drink responsibly.

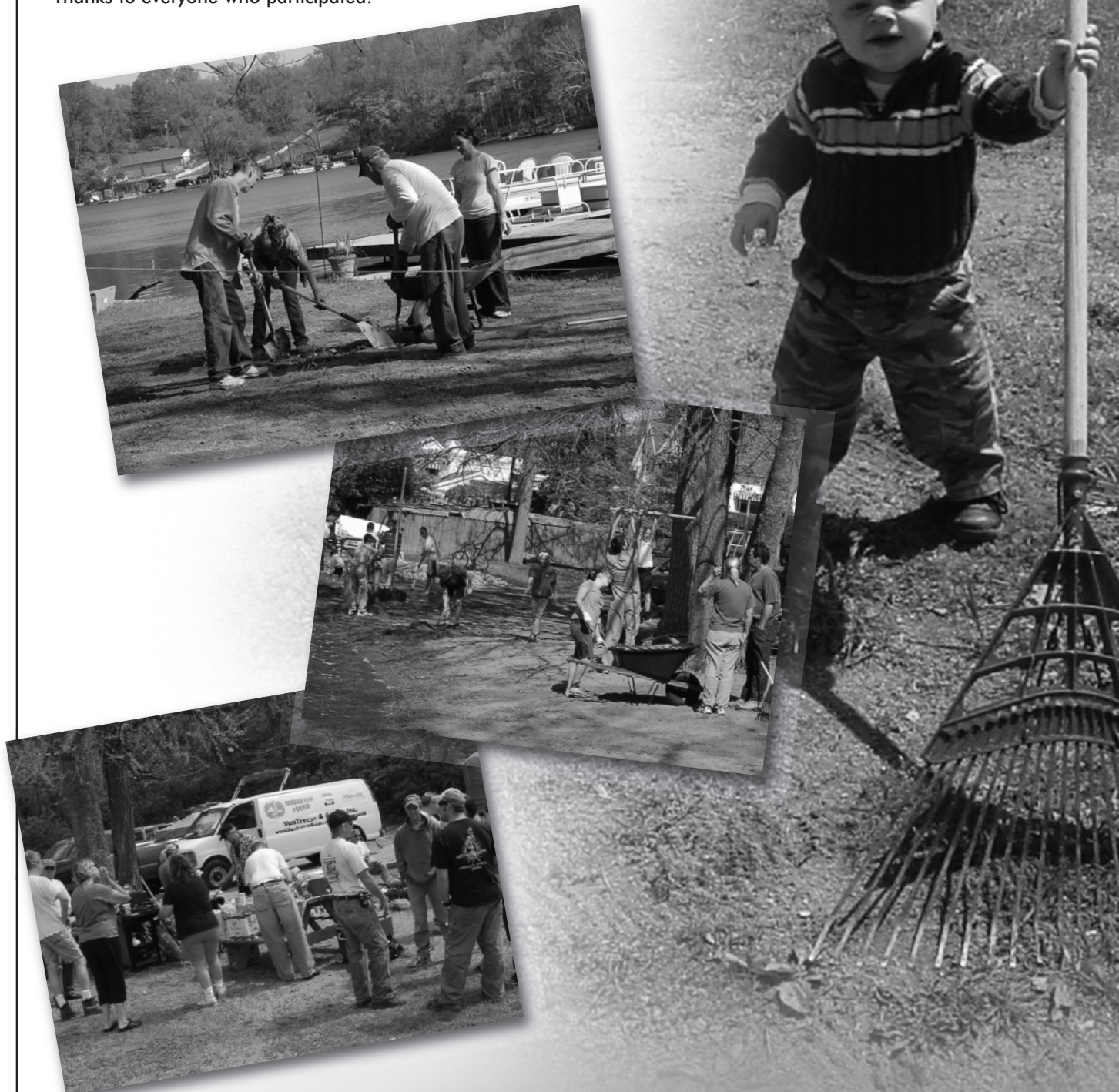


Beach Cleanup

Beach Cleanup (or should we call it Ben Slocum's Neighborhood Cleanup) was a big success. The weather cooperated and we had a record turnout this year, thanks to Ben Slocum's motivational efforts.

In addition to cleaning up North and South beaches, neighbors picked up a truckload of trash at the peninsula. Lunch was served by the Civic Committee at noon and it was a great time to meet some new neighbors.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



Blast from the Past

Here's the cover of the Smoke Signal from forty years ago this month. You might recognize a few names. New playground equipment, birth notices and distributing lake rules in time for summer – that sounds familiar.

See the rest of the April-May 1968 issue in the online Smoke Signal archive at http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake.

