

# Winter Fun on Indian Lake

Another winter has come and gone and the year to enjoy the cold was upon us.

As I am sure many of you actually heard this year, Indian Lake provided many great memories for many families this winter, and will for years to come. The beaches and parks hold special places for bonfires and the making of snowmen in the winter, the lake provides us with an ice rink, and Mother Nature provides us with the scenery. Well, some of us decided to see what benefits we could reap from this season and found a wonderland awaited us. The use of recreational vehicles was tested on the lake this year. As stated by the bylaws, ALL traffic is at your own risk. There are some areas that you are not permitted to ride on, which will be detailed as we get closer to next season. There were days this winter that there were 15+ vehicles on the lake being driven by 12-45 year olds. Please come and enjoy another wonderful opportunity that the community offers to us all.

Activities this year on the lake included snowmobiling, ATV riding, bon fires with marshmallows and hot dogs, cross country skiing, knee boarding. Some of the best days that we had were when there were adults and kids just standing around talking and roasting hot dogs on the island. A couple other days we found people bringing their smaller kids out to get pictures being "out on the ice".

If you have a question about the lake and its use, please call or contact Ben Slocum at 989-4718 or [slocum72@hotmail.com](mailto:slocum72@hotmail.com). Please remember to be safe when using the lake and have a great spring!



# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 19 at the Jenn Park pavilion and was well attended.

Our guest speaker was naturalist John Schaust, who made a very compelling presentation about the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer to the United States, and the significant impact it will soon have on our neighborhood ash trees. For those who missed John's presentation, read "EAB for Homeowners: a Quick Guide" in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

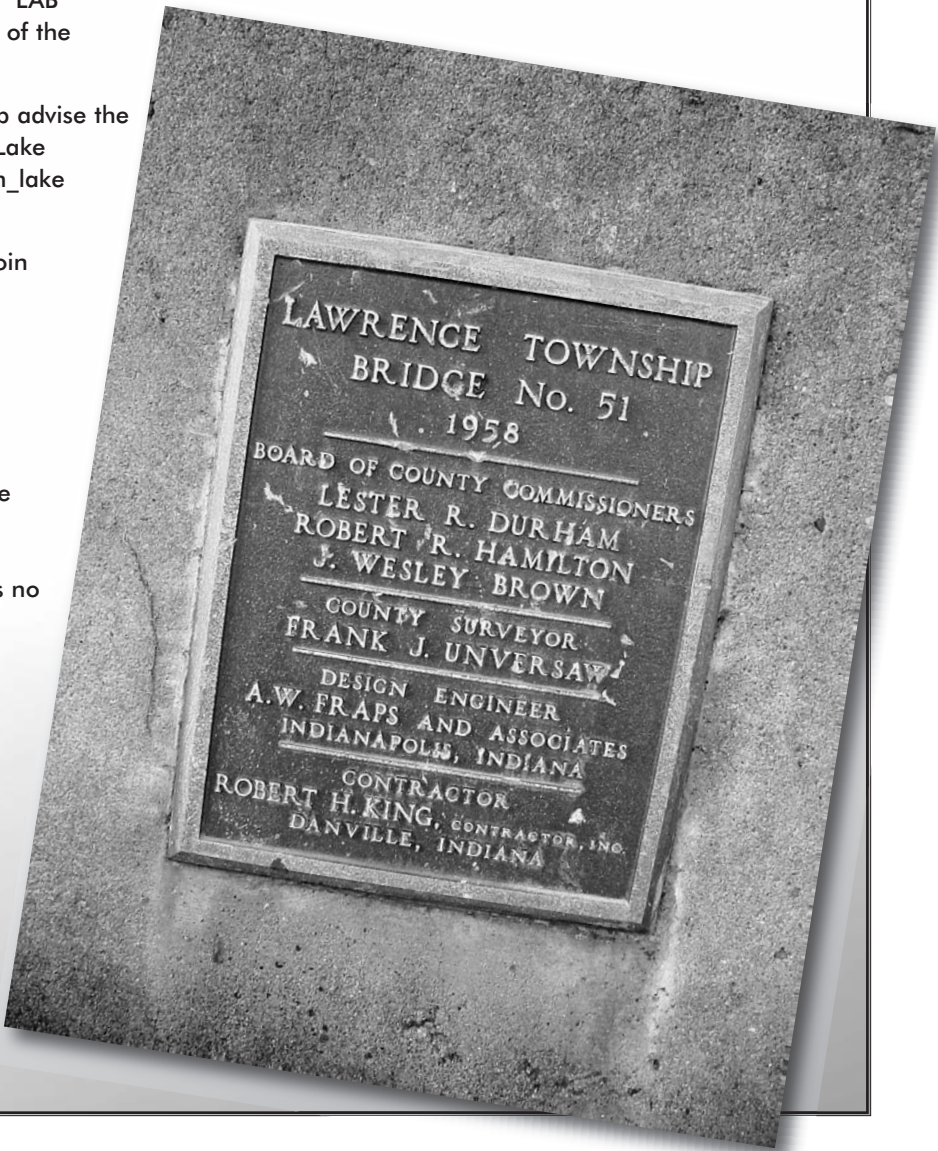
The board has formed an EAB committee to help advise the neighborhood on this problem. Visit the Indian Lake website [http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian\\_lake](http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake) for up-to-date information and resources.

We were honored to have Mayor Paul Ricketts join us as a guest. Mayor Ricketts fielded questions from residents about a variety of issues concerning our neighborhood.

### Indian Creek Bridge

The Indian Creek bridge has served us well since 1958, when it replaced the 1889 J.D. Torr & Company covered bridge, destroyed by flood. But time has taken its toll on the bridge, and it's no longer structurally sound. The bridge will be replaced, scheduled to begin this month. Completion is expected in October.

Stay tuned for photos and history of the bridge, past present and future, in an upcoming Smoke Signal.





# When You Need To Call



## KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	826-1505
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - RJ Russell	281-0024
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - RJ Russell	281-0024
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Lynn Osborn (secretary/treasurer)	826-1505
Ed French	823-4431
Ron Gillum	250-1125
Jim Hoskins	826-4944
Josh Mott	823-0313
RJ Russell	281-0024
Ben Slocum	989-4718
Andy VanTreese	627-0737

# 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](mailto:rumreich@gmail.com) if you can help.

# Financial Snapshot

Brought to you by your Secretary/Treasurer, Lynn Osborn

- At the Annual Meeting on January 19, ILIA members approved the budget for 2011.
- The budget is balanced, meaning the anticipated income is equal to the projected expenses.
- The total amount is unchanged from 2010.
- To achieve the balanced budget, the Board decided to limit dredging this summer.

If you have any questions, please send an email to [ILIATREASURER@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ILIATREASURER@HOTMAIL.COM) or call 826-1505.

# Mark Your Calendars

<b>Saturday, April 23rd</b>	<b>2:00 - 3:00pm</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	Indian Lake Park
<b>Saturday, May 7th</b>	<b>9:00am - Noon</b>	Beaches Clean-up*	Both beaches
<b>Tuesday, May 17th</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Civic Committee Mtg.	Anne Sharp's
<b>Monday, July 4th</b>	<b>dusk</b>	Fireworks on the Lake	
<b>Sunday, July 17th</b>	<b>2:00 - 7:00pm</b>	Annual Picnic	Eddie French's

\* Please remove your stored boats from the beach on or before Beach Clean-up. The Beach Clean-up rain date is Saturday May 14th.

# Blast from the Past

The Smoke Signal has seen many changes over the years, including its logo.

The inaugural edition of the Smoke Signal was in 1963. Its block lettered logo was used for the earliest issues. There were other hand-drawn logos used during the sixties, many of which were used for only an issue or two.

The 1969 to 1976 logo shows the artistic hand of Indian Lake resident Sarah Rohrman (then Sarah Quirk), who provided much of the Smoke Signal artwork of that era, and beyond. Sarah also created some special holiday logos during that time.



The 1979 to 1981 logo was groovy.



The longest running logo was used from 1983 to 2003, and was closely based on its predecessor. The great blue heron made its first Smoke Signal appearance in 1998, and has been with us ever since.



The current logo was inspired by the Sarah Rohrman seventies-era logo. It was designed by Donna Gray of Matchbook Creative.

Check out the library of past to present Smoke Signals at [http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian\\_lake/index.htm](http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake/index.htm)  
These have recently been converted to searchable PDF, so you can easily search for people or events.



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Need a boat?

If you have watercraft you want to buy or sell, the Smoke Signal can help. We'll publish your for-sale or wanted ad in the Smoke Signal, for free. Please send a complete description of your watercraft (photo optional) to [rumreich@gmail.com](mailto:rumreich@gmail.com).

## Across the Fence

Welcome to new neighbors:

- **Scott and Mae Perry** and their daughter, 10108 Indian Lake Blvd South Drive have moved into the Cummings home. Welcome to them.
- **Mark and Holly Dennett**, 7238 Cherokee Drive have moved into the former Barnett home.
- **Kevin Coulter and Zanna Dibartoli** and their children, Stevie, Wes and Cassia have moved into the Nelson home at 6908 Winona Drive.

You will be seeing a lot more of **John Taylor** around the neighborhood. He recently retired from Warren Township Middle Schools. Congratulations on your retirement. Now you will have time to enjoy the lake.

Congratulations to **Jack Coortz**, Grandson of Gary and Suzanne Keithley who received an athletic scholarship in football to Georgetown.

Congratulations to **Katie Legge** who received a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship (her 2nd). She and her family will be visiting India to study the culture and history of Delhi and Bangalore. What a fabulous experience.

Congratulations to **Marlow Rumreich**, one of ten students nationwide to receive the 2011 Planet Connect Wildlife Conservation Grants for High School students, sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation. Marlow's project is "Save the Honeybees." She will be producing an educational kit for children, including a video, children's book, and other materials. The grant also includes funds for a summer internship related to wildlife conservation. Jim Whalen, who is experienced with beekeeping, will be helping Marlow with the video production of the live bees.

After beach clean-up in May the Civic Committee will be looking at improvements that need to be done in our neighborhood. If you have ideas, please send them to Ruth Norrington, [rapnjava@aol.com](mailto:rapnjava@aol.com) or give her a call with your ideas.

Need your car or SUV detailed? Call Indian Lake resident Mike Milakis at 437-7175 for info and pricing. Free pickup and delivery for Indian Lake residents, plus more!

Congratulations to our 2011 graduates: **Katie Joseph** will be graduating from Lawrence North with an International Baccalaureate degree. She has not decided on her college yet. **Hattie McDaniel** will be graduating from Lawrence North and will be attending Johnson & Wales Culinary School in North Carolina. You can see Hattie and her work at the Bakery at Geist. Hattie's brother Will is going to be in Peru this fall completing his studies with Indiana University.





# Be a Neighborly Pet Owner

The board recently received the following letter from a resident:

...We are in somewhat of a sticky situation and we would like obtain some help, as we have done everything we know possible, to resolve a problem at our property...

...It seems that ever since the week we moved in, the neighbor's dogs have claimed our property as their official pooping ground. We have addressed the problem with the owners of the offending dogs a number of times. It has become quite ridiculous as [spouse's name] just yesterday, scooped up 7 piles of poop around our cars, and in the yard. They usually show up right outside the cars when we get out and on our entryway path to the front door. The problem is that [spouse's name] ended up riding an hour to work one day and took it into the workplace on his shoe. He did his best to clean it off at work, but of course had to wait until home to really wash it off completely. I have just missed stepping in it several times, and I am afraid that one of my visitors to our home will step in it. My current employer has me come to their home and if I bring this into their home, I will lose my job. And possibly future clients...

...He estimates that it is at least five piles a week, often it is a daily chore. That averages out to a minimum of 650 piles of other people's dog poop that he has cleaned up since we moved in!

Both families we have talked to have told us they will do their best to keep their dogs from wandering, but it obviously hasn't made an impact...

We like our neighbors and wish to live in peace with them, but don't know how to enforce this and stop the mess. We would be grateful if you could direct us as to how to resolve this matter...

This resident did the right thing by first talking to the neighbors. But what to do when that doesn't work? There are no Indian Lake bylaws on the subject. But there is a city ordinance on dog and cat curbing requirements. When all else fails, Lawrence Animal Control 549-4814 is very swift in dealing with dog complaints. They will call the homeowner directly, giving them a warning. The second time, they will issue a ticket for \$250 on the spot.

**Sec. 531-203.** Dog and cat curbing requirements. No person knowingly shall allow a dog or cat which is kept by that person to defecate or urinate on a public street, byway, municipally owned or public land or building, or upon private property, in the city without the prior permission of the owner of such property; however, if an animal defecates on property described in this subsection, the animal's owner or keeper promptly shall remove any feces to a waste container, or otherwise dispose of such material in a manner inoffensive to reasonable public sensibilities.

## Protecting Water Quality Through Responsible Pet Ownership

Simply cleaning up after your dog in public places and on private property not only helps keep areas clean and hygienic, failure to do so leaves a mess for someone else to clean up, or step in! Dog waste left on the ground can find its way to nearby creeks, streams and lakes. These contaminants can increase harmful bacteria levels in our waterways...negatively impacting water quality. Health concerns are also a big motivation to clean up after your dog. There are many parasites that can be transmitted to humans via dog feces (roundworms, tapeworms, etc.). Other pathogens that can be transmitted to humans via dog feces include strains of the bacteria E. coli, Staphylococcus, Salmonella, and Listeria, to name just a few. E.coli is present in all feces. Even the cleanest of dogs (and people!) is going to pollute the ground with E.coli bacteria.



## PROPERLY DISPOSING OF YOUR DOG'S WASTES "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"

### Q. Why should I pick up after my dog when other animals (squirrels, birds, etc.) already use the "great outdoors" as their bathroom?

A. The poop from the large number of dogs in Marion County cannot be adequately or naturally absorbed into the environment. Large, unnatural numbers of any animal in a small area can cause this problem -- not just dogs. Rural streams that are home to an unnaturally large number of deer have been found to have a high fecal coliform (a bacteria found in feces) levels as well.

### Q. Why is dog poop bad for streams?

A. There are two reasons. First, the microorganisms in dog poop can cause serious diseases in humans, including cholera and dysentery, if contaminated water comes in contact with an open wound or is ingested. Second, some bacteria require oxygen in order to live and, as a result, will reduce the amount of oxygen in the water that is available for fish. Many species of fish cannot survive in streams that have reduced oxygen levels.

### Q. Why is dog poop bad for our waterways?

A. Slower moving water, such as that found in creeks and streams, is susceptible to "algae blooms" responsible for large-scale fish kills. When it rains, fertilizer, dog poop and other nutrient-rich material gets carried into these waterways. This sudden, unnatural surge of nutrients causes a rapid explosion of the algae population, called a "bloom". The bloom, which is near the water's surface, blocks sunlight that is needed by other aquatic life. Additionally, when the bloom can no longer be sustained, it decays in an environmentally cataclysmic event that sucks all of the oxygen out of the water, suffocating and killing any fish that live there.



### Q. I don't walk my dog near a waterway. How does my dog's poop get there?

A. Waterways in Marion County are fed in part by storm drains. The system of storm drains and underground pipes is, essentially, the replacement for the smaller streams that existed in your neighborhood before your neighborhood was built. When it rains, dog poop and other pollutants (litter, oil, etc.) are carried into the storm drains, through pipes, into nearby streams.

### Q. Doesn't dog poop make good fertilizer?

A. Dog poop contains microorganisms from your dog's digestive system that can be passed along to plants. A person can become ill by eating fruits or vegetables from a plant "fertilized" with dog poop. Don't use your dog's poop as fertilizer!

