

President's message continued...

Shoreline Stabilization Program

If your shoreline is eroding away, the board would like to help. Here's how the program works. The board will make its summer workers available for shoreline stabilization projects under the conditions that the homeowner supervise the work and pay for the materials. The Association will order riprap using its discount and have it delivered to North Beach. Our workers will deliver the riprap to your shore using our workboat, and stabilize your shoreline. The homeowner would also be responsible for reimbursing the hourly wages of the workers. Please contact Jeff Van Treese or RJ Russell if you're interested in taking advantage of this program.

Saving Energy

This edition of the Smoke Signal features two energy-saving articles: an interview with resident Brian Chapman about his new geothermal heating and air conditioning system and a special offer from Energizing Indiana. I hope Indian Lake residents will be inspired to follow Brian's lead when they replace their aging heating and cooling systems.



Energy Savings for You = Cash
for the Neighborhood!

Energizing Indiana is an energy saving initiative that helps homeowners save money by saving energy. It's free to qualified homeowners and includes energy-saving light bulbs, showerheads, pipe wrap and a home energy assessment. Even better, Energizing Indiana will donate \$25 to the Indian Lake neighborhood for every resident that participates.

Why is Energizing Indiana making this offer?

The state government mandated that Indiana needs to decrease its energy consumption by at least 2%. Therefore, the utilities in the state are working together with Energizing Indiana to help their consumers decrease energy use.

There are two programs available to any Indiana citizen that pays an energy bill to Duke, IPL, and other utilities: Home Energy Assessments (HEA) and Income Qualified Weatherization (IQW). Almost everyone qualifies for the HEA. The IQW has income qualifications. During an HEA, the energy assessor installs up to 9 CFL light bulbs, 2 energy-saving showerheads, 2 bathroom sink aerators, a kitchen sink aerator, and hot water pipe wrap. An IQW involves more weatherization measures, such as upgrading or installing attic insulation.

You may be wondering what "the catch" is. "The catch" is simple. The homes assessed must be at least 10 years old, and someone in the household needs to be home when the assessor comes. The assessors walk through the house with the residents to give them feedback throughout. The Energizing Indiana schedulers work with the individuals and the assessors to find a day and time that works best.

What do you need to do to take advantage of this offer?

Go to the Indian Lake website <http://tinyurl.com/indianlakewebsite> Under documents and forms, print the Home Energy Assessment Form. Fill it out and submit it according to the instructions on the form, and you'll be on your way to energy saving nirvana.



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INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 18 at the Jenn Park pavilion and was well attended.

We were honored to have Lawrence Mayor Dean Jessup join us as a guest. Mayor Jessup fielded questions from residents about a variety of issues concerning the city and our neighborhood. We look forward to working closely with him and his team on stormwater and neighborhood issues.

Jeff Van Treese was honored for his many years of service to the Indian Lake neighborhood and was presented with a plaque for outstanding effort and dedication to our community. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes at Indian Lake, and Jeff is a prime contributor. Thank you Jeff.

Welcome new board member

The board would like to welcome new board member Chad Worland and returning members Mike Hurd and RJ Russell. The board would like to thank retiring members Josh Mott and Jim Hoskins for their service to the Indian Lake community.

Westminster Village North litigation

The wheels of justice turn slowly, and our ongoing Westminster Village North litigation is no exception.

The WVN \$25 million expansion project that began in 2003 was a textbook case of poor erosion control practices. It's estimated that 4,900 tons of soil unnecessarily left the WVN job site into Indian Creek and settled into Indian Lake. Our lawsuit targets the many contractors and their subs involved with the project.

I'm pleased to report that in August, we signed a \$10,000 settlement agreement with the engineering company that designed the erosion control plan.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Ultimately, we hope to achieve a settlement that will fully compensate us for the damage done by the negligence in erosion control at Westminster Village North.



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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 Van Treese	823-6690
Bylaws and rules – RJ Russell	281-0024
Civic Committee – Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property maintenance - RJ Russell	281-0024
Security - Jeff Van Treese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

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Mike Hurd	823-0313
RJ Russell	281-0024
Ben Slocum	989-4718
Andy Van Treese	627-0737
Chad Worland	987-4354

Enjoy Our Facilities Responsibly

Glass bottles are not allowed at the beach or at the tennis courts. Last year, dozens of bottles were picked up from the North and South Beach, either on the dock or scattered on the sand. In some instances, bottles were shattered against the dock. Please remember how dangerous this is to our young people in the neighborhood as well as anyone else.

Please remember to lock the tennis court gate when you are done playing tennis. Tennis is the ONLY thing that is to be done on the court. No softball, skateboarding, inline skating, drawing with chalk, or playing of any other nature is allowed. The tennis court is for tennis only.

Did you know?

The Indian Lake Improvement Association now has a Facebook page! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ilia-facebook>

There is also a link to the ILIA Facebook page on the ILIA website.

Please feel free to add comments, photos, or any other items to share. The more, the merrier!

If you have any problems, please contact Lynn Osborn, Page Administrator, by sending an email to iliatreasurer@hotmail.com or by calling 826-1505.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 5th 9:00 am
Beach Clean-up
at both beaches

Tuesday, May 15th 7:30 pm
Civic Committee Meeting
at Suzy McDaniel's

Tuesday, July 9th 7:30 pm
Civic Committee Meeting
at Stacy Russell's

Sunday, July 15th 2:00 pm
Annual Picnic
at Eddie French's

Tuesday, August 7th
National Night Out



Monte Carlo Brings Gaming Fun

A huge thank you to the Civic Committee for the phenomenal job they did on organizing the neighborhood Monte Carlo night at the Indian Lake Country Club on Saturday, February 25th.

Neighbors and friends enjoyed dinner at the Country Club and an evening of Vegas-style gambling. Afterward, the bidding wars brought friendly family battles for the best auction items.

Thanks to Suzy McDaniel, Stacy Russell and Ruth Norrington for coordinating the auction donations, ticket sales, set-up and tear-down and everything else. Thanks too to all the volunteers who helped run the games. Not only is this a neighborhood evening of fun, but it also raises money for the Civic Committee projects such as the floating dock, basketball goal, picnic tables, and renovation of the neighborhood signs.



Summer Workers Wanted

We're looking for summer workers for our dredging operation. Workers must be 18 or older, and enjoy working on the lake. Duties include connecting and disconnecting dredge pipe and floats, assisting the dredge operator, and moving riprap.

Please call Jeff Van Treese 627-0738 or RJ Russell 281-0024 for more info.

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 Lynn Osborn.



Across the Fence

Kaiden Isaac Mott was born to Josh and Jessica Mott on 8/28/11; 13 weeks premature. He weighed only 1 lb, 13oz and was 12.5 inches long. He beat many odds during his 101 day stay in the NICU at Community North. He came home to officially become an Indian Lake resident on 12/7/11, weighing 6lbs, 15oz and completely healthy. Kaiden is now 7 months old and weighs approximately 13lbs. He can frequently be seen strolling along Winona Drive with his mom. The Indian Lake Community would like to officially welcome Kaiden to the neighborhood.

Zachary Taylor Sweeney, son of Steve and Lisa Sweeney, is graduating from The Indian Lake Homeschool Academy. Zach will be attending Butler University to study Secondary Education (Math) with a Trustees' Scholarship. Zach was also recently accepted into Butler's Honors Program.

This past December, we lost two long-time residents, two wonderful folks who cherished living in our community.

Longtime Indian Lake resident, **Fred Lee**, passed away on December 14th. He was 90 years old. Fred loved woodworking and was responsible for maintaining our Indian Lake signs. Fred was active on the Indian Lake Board and the Indian Lake Country Club. His wife Becky and his children and grandchildren have been such a part of our Lake family for so long. We all miss Fred!

Zelda Upton, died unexpectedly at home, where she and her husband David have lived since 1974. Their two sons, Ben and Jake, lived their entire lives here until they were grown and out on their own. Zelda took an active part in our community activities, and co-edited the Smoke Signal in 1977. She had some time to enjoy retirement, to really enjoy observing the wildlife and everything that this lake has to offer.

Our condolences to the Lee and Upton families.
We miss these fine neighbors.



The Friends of Fort Harrison State Park

The Friends of Fort Harrison State Park is pleased to announce its inaugural annual meeting on Thursday, April 19th at 7 pm at the Fort Harrison State Park Inn, located at 5830 North Post Road.

Here is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Fort Harrison State Park with your friends and neighbors who also value this urban green gem in our midst. The park has new multi-use trails, fishing, hiking, playgrounds, bike trails, horseback riding, a military history museum, a visitors' center with a brand new interactive nature center, and much more for the entire family to enjoy. Learn how you can participate in special park-related volunteer projects year round. Sign up to become a Friend to show your appreciation for this tremendous local resource!

The guest speaker will be **John Schaust**, Indian Lake resident and well known professional naturalist who specializes in environmental education, nature center operations, and natural resources management around Indiana. For the last eight years, John has been the Chief Naturalist at Wild Birds Unlimited. Previously he was head naturalist at Holliday Park where he helped form the highly successful "Friends of Holliday Park".

Social mixer begins at 6 pm. Free refreshments! Enjoy the exhibits of the numerous local participating groups at the Park.

For more information, contact Marylen Wallace
mwallace@indyairshow.com (317) 501-8424



Bridge Over Indian Creek

1889 to the present

The Indian Creek covered bridge was built in 1889 by J. D. Torr & Company. This single span Howe Truss structure had a length of 102 feet including the 4-foot overhang at each end, with a portal clearance of 15 feet 6 inches wide by 11 feet high.

The covered bridge photo was from the late forties or early fifties, courtesy of Jerry Dinger. The photo was taken by Jerry's mother. Jerry's father was born in 1930 and he talked about delivering coal in his teen years to houses around the lake, and how the driver would go fast across the bridge because they were over the 3 ton limit.

The covered bridge was lost in 1958. A non-covered bridge was built that same year to replace the flood-damaged original.

After more than fifty years of service, the 1958 bridge had become structurally unsound. In April 2011, the bridge was demolished to make way for a replacement. Only the concrete footings were retained for the new bridge. The new bridge opened to traffic on October 15, 2011.

Visit the photo album on the Indian Lake website <http://tinyurl.com/indianlakewebsite> for a full color version of Jerry Dinger's covered bridge photo, along with other bridge photos from 1889 to the present.



Original 1889 covered bridge



1958 footings we retained



New bridge, open for traffic

Geothermal Heating and Cooling: A No-Brainer

Indian Lake resident Brian Chapman recently built his home on Mohawk Drive. He decided to install geothermal heating and cooling rather than a traditional HVAC system. Brian graciously agreed to be interviewed about his geothermal experience.

MR> What is geothermal heating and cooling - can you explain the basics?

BC> The basics are that vertical well holes are drilled into the ground that are 150 feet deep. Heat exchanger tubes are installed into the holes and there's anti-freeze inside. You're using the earth's natural temperature of 56 degrees as a heat source in the winter or a cooling source in the summer. So when you set your thermostat at 67 degrees, its only heating 11 degrees above the temperature of the earth. The second thing is that when you're cooling your house, you're just taking it from 56 degrees rather than the 80 degree outside air.

MR> Why did you decide to go geothermal?

BC> Well, just the savings alone and the cost of electricity made it worthwhile. My parents have a geothermal unit that they've had since 1991, so I was familiar with it.

MR> How much do you expect to save annually?

BC> My heating and cooling costs will run somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600 per year. I had a house before with a similar square footage that would cost anywhere from \$1200 to \$1600 a year to heat and cool, using natural gas. So that's as much as \$1000 a year savings.

MR> What were the up-front costs compared to a traditional system?

BC> My up-front cost was \$16,500 and that included the well. I got a \$4800 federal tax credit for buying the unit. If you take \$16,500 and subtract \$4800 that works out to \$11,700. In a gas furnace and air conditioning unit, the cost would have been somewhere around \$9300 to \$9500. Just the energy savings in the first two years pays for the difference. I also get a property tax credit every year. As far as I'm concerned this is a no-brainer. It makes perfect sense.

MR> Can you describe the equipment inside and outside the house?

BC> There's no equipment outside, everything's inside. What's inside is just as big as a normal furnace. My household hot water is generated through the system too, it's a great feature.

MR> If someone were looking to do this an existing home, how much would the drilling tear up their yard?

BC> Not any more than it would be to grade and seed a yard. There are also geothermal units that use a large loop rather than vertical wells. These will tear up the yard more.

MR> Do you have any advice for other Indian Lake residents thinking about switching to geothermal?

BC> They need to do the install before the federal tax credit goes away. Once that goes away, the up-front cost will be much higher. Just to put a plug in for my guys, they're called the Edge Guys, Jim Goodman was the salesman.

Editor's note:

The federal tax credit is in effect through 2016. The geothermal heating and cooling system must be installed in a home that you own and use as a residence. The credit is for 30% of the cost (including installation and labor), with no upper limit.

