

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 15 at the Jenn Park pavilion and was well attended. We got to discuss what's going on in our neighborhood, approve the budget, elect new board members and socialize with neighbors.

The board would like to welcome new board members Bob Gundaker and Scott Kelley and thank retiring members Paul Odenwelder and Ben Slocum for their service to the Indian Lake community. Incumbent Joe Dayan was reelected for another three-year term.

### Infrastructure Update

Our top infrastructure priority for 2018 is the auxiliary spillway project.

We first became aware of the need to increase our spillway capacity from a 2004 Commonwealth Engineering study of our dam and spillway, commissioned by the City of Indianapolis. We knew this would be a costly project, and established the Cumulative Fund to help pay for it. Our Cumulative Fund balance is approximately \$400k.

Our dam is in the "significant hazard" failure classification. As such, it's required to be able to withstand a 50% PMP storm event. PMP is Probable Maximum Precipitation, and is larger than a 500 year storm. This requirement did not exist in 1929, when our dam was built, and there is no grandfather clause. Our current dam and spillway can only handle a 10% PMP, well below the requirement. Should it wish, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) could shut us down and make us drain our lake. This is unlikely to happen as there are hundreds of other lakes in the state in the same boat, but we need to make progress on this issue.

Beyond being an IDNR requirement, there are benefits to us in having an auxiliary spillway. With the current spillway, the lake normally floods a few times a year, often four or five feet above normal pool (normal lake level). This damages docks, erodes our shoreline, trashes our beaches and increases sedimentation. An auxiliary spillway would greatly reduce these problems.

In discussions with IDNR over the years, they have been receptive to the idea of an auxiliary spillway design that would improve our capacity to a level somewhere between the 10% PMP we have now and the 50% PMP requirement. With that in mind, and believing that such a design might be possible for \$500k, the board knew that now was the time to act.

Phil Marble organized a Bidder's Conference on February 21, hosted by Joe Dayan. Invitations were sent to a dozen central Indiana engineering firms recommended by IDNR for dams. Three top firms attended and are now working on proposals for us. Phil and other members of the Aux Spillway Working Group have also been pursuing grant money from several sources, as well as Stormwater Utility money from the City of Lawrence. The board has been exploring forming a Conservancy District, which may give us some additional funding opportunities. A meeting with IDNR on that subject was hosted by Joe Dayan on March 7.

Because of design time, permitting and funding, the earliest construction could begin would be 2019. Residents can look forward to an uninterrupted season of lake recreation this summer. But rest assured that the board will be busy planning the largest infrastructure project that Indian Lake has ever seen.

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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 - Kyle Hurd	416-7982
Bylaws and rules - Bob Gundaker	855-1349
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Communications - Alyssa Alexander	670-7559

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Alyssa Alexander (vp)	670-7559
Lynn Osborn (secretary/treasurer)	826-1505
Joe Dayan	910-7751
Bob Gundaker	855-1349
Kyle Hurd	416-7982
Scott Kelley	919-7231
Phil Marble	702-5715
Andy Van Treese	627-0737

## Signs of Spring at Indian Lake

Every February, in the snow and ice, dozens of sprigs of evergreen appear on the enormous nest 60 feet up a sycamore in the Wilson's back yard. Weeks before any hope of spring appearing, our red-shouldered hawk neighbors reclaim their nest, noisily calling one another all day for weeks as they fortify their decades-old structure.

Despite all their noise, and the terror they inflict around our bird feeders, it's easy to love these neighbors. This couple has been together for well over a decade, and they make a great pair. Every year the female lays her eggs very early in March, making for harsh conditions. Nevertheless, these two optimistic hawks have only lost their eggs or chicks to the elements twice.

Excellent hunters and attentive parents, I have seen them raise almost 30 young in thirteen years! The saga of these amazing hawks continues this year, and watching it unfold is one of the many blessings of living in Indian Lake. Paul Legge

Photos by Charles Wilson



# Fiesta in the Park

The Fiesta in the Park was held on Saturday, September 16th at the Indian Lake Park, and was a huge success. The weather was excellent, and the food was even better. Grilled fajitas and sides were prepared fresh on-site by Mi Tenampa restaurant staff. Indian Lake residents enjoyed conversing with their neighbors as well as playing yard games and listening to live music.

Thanks to the Civic Committee for putting together this fantastic event!



# East End Spoils Fence

Volunteers Andy Van Treese, Chad Worland and Phil Marble applied a coat of stain to the East End/Spoils area privacy fence, just before the weather turned cold last fall. Andy rewarded the workers with Broaster Chicken & Potatoes and Carpigiani soft serve ice cream.





# Across the Fence

By Andy Van Treese

Some big news going around!! Hearing Wedding Bells.

**Kyle Hurd** proposed to his girlfriend, **Jenny Buldak** and she accepted. Jenny will be bringing her dog, Forest, to the family.

Another announcement is from **Ryan Van Treese** who also popped the question to his girlfriend, **Laura Stricker** who also said yes! Congratulations to all the newly engaged couples.

**Stephan Van Treese** has retired from professional basketball. He played in a Japanese League for three seasons. He has recently passed his test to become a realtor and will continue to reside in Louisville, KY with his fiancé, Lara Protenic and their dog, Jax.

**Ryan Free**, Kyle Hurd's former roommate, purchased the Rob Connors property on South Drive and has moved in with his girlfriend, Lindsey Kellow.

Welcome new neighbors! **Jason & Stevie Kersh** purchased David & Rossane Megenity's house on South Drive.

More new neighbors on South Drive! **Brandon & Kelsey Schlarb** moved in 10321 Indian Lake Blvd S (lots 155, 156) with their kids, **Hudson** 4 years and **Nora** 11 months.

**Linda Van Treese** had back surgery on March 12th. She is coming home on April 3rd. Hope you are feeling better soon!

**Kerry Brown** passed away on Easter Sunday about 7:00am. Kerry was an active Board Member and a real pitch in and get it done kind of man! We will all miss you, Kerry.

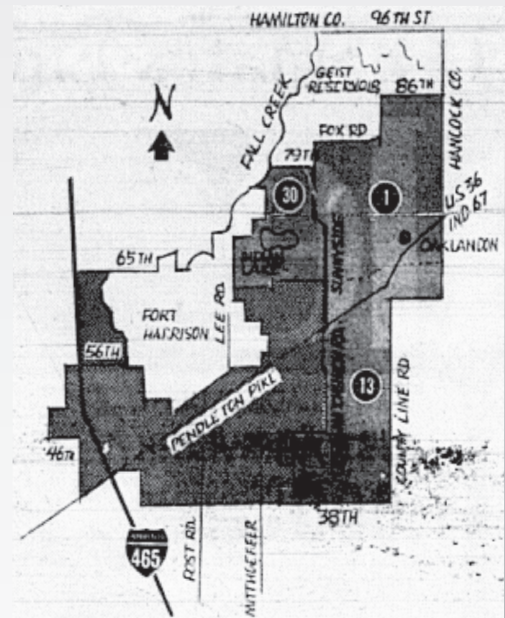


## Blast from the Past

In the late 1960s, the Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation which provided for a new legal status for the city of Indianapolis, essentially extending the city's boundaries to encompass practically all of Marion County. This new arrangement, popularly called Unigov, did make an exception for the four largest communities in the county, allowing them to maintain their independent status. One of these was the city of Lawrence.

Lawrence had long since incorporated, and over the years had expanded by annexing a number of unincorporated contiguous areas. On December 29, 1969, just a few days before Unigov took effect, the Lawrence City Council voted to annex a 5,871-acre area of Lawrence Township which included Oaklandon and Indian Lake. Some residents of the area remonstrated against this move, and began a legal battle that would drag on for almost six years. The city of Indianapolis later entered the suit on the side of the remonstrators. However, on April 15, 1976, the Marion County Superior Court ruled in favor of the town of Lawrence. This made front page news the following day.

Although some of the remonstrators discussed continuing the battle by pursuing a legal process referred to as "disannexation," ultimately nothing came of the idea.



### New Look For Lawrence

The gray area shows the land annexed to Lawrence yesterday. The checked area is the old Lawrence limits, which also included Fort Benjamin Harrison. The Geist Reservoir area is part of Indianapolis and not affected by the ruling. More than 5,000 acres of land in the northeast corner of Marion County, including Oaklandon and Indian Lake, were annexed into the City of Lawrence by a court ruling. (Story on Page 1) (Star Map)

## Banish moles from your yard

If you're tired of seeing your front lawn crisscrossed with mole hills, follow this proven mole repellent formula from the Purdue Extension Service.

### CASTOR OIL VS. THE MOLES

The following formula has been used successfully by hundreds of homeowners in the Midwest. This potion will not kill the mole, but they do not like to tunnel in soil treated with this formula.

In a blender, whip 3 oz. castor oil and 3 tablespoons liquid detergent. Blend till frothy. Add 8 tablespoons water and blend again till frothy. Using a 15 gallon Ortho hose end sprayer, put 15 tablespoons of mix in the jar. Fill remainder of jar with water. Attach sprayer to garden hose and spray the entire lawn and garden area. Apply walking at a slow pace.



### **Watercraft Identification and Winter Storage**

Although Lake Rules have long required Indian Lake watercraft to have the lot number displayed on the hull, residents have been lax. Every time an unmarked boat gets loose on the lake or needs to be identified, an email needs to be sent out to track down the owner. This creates spam for every resident except the owner and delays the contact. The extra time could mean the difference in a loose boat going over the spillway or not.



Two initiatives were created to encourage watercraft owners to put their lot numbers on their boats - a freebie and a fee.

The freebie is a cool custom watercraft ID sticker designed by Wade Baertschi. The stickers have your individual lot number printed right on them and are provided to residents at no charge. Put them on your boats, canoes and kayaks and on any trailers that are stored on Association property. Let me know how many you want and what lot number you want on them. If you own multiple lots, only one of the lot numbers needs to be present on each watercraft.

The fee is for any unmarked watercraft or trailers stored on Association property. The \$20 unmarked watercraft fee is part of the new winter storage policy sent out last fall by email. It's reprinted in this edition of the Smoke Signal for reference. It's also on indianlakehoa.com on the documents and forms page.

### **Watercraft Winter Storage on Association Property**

The board requests that all watercraft be removed from Association docks on or before the first Sunday in November of each year.

The Association provides winter storage of watercraft and trailers as a courtesy to watercraft owners. All storage is at the risk of the property owner and the Association is not liable for any loss or damage. Winter storage is subject to the following rules:

Lot owners may store their watercraft in approved areas at the North Beach, South Beach, or East End over the winter. At North Beach, there is no storage on the beach itself. This makes the beach area available for winter fun.

Up to one properly marked and operable pontoon boat and trailer plus one properly marked and operable fishing boat and trailer per household may be stored on Association property without a fee. Properly marked and operable canoes and kayaks are not subject to this limit.

Excess operable watercraft, inoperable watercraft, trailers and detached watercraft components will be assessed a \$300 excess storage fee per item. Examples of watercraft components are hulls, outboard motors or pontoons.

All watercraft, detached watercraft components or trailers without the lot number clearly marked will be assessed a \$20 improper marking fee per item. This fee applies to all watercraft and trailers, not just excess ones.

A survey of winter storage will be made on or about January 1, and any fees will be added to the lot owner's annual assessment for that year.

Watercraft must be removed from Association winter storage areas by April 22 of each year.