

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### COVID-19 and the Indian Lake Community

The COVID-19 pandemic has been on everyone's mind and has been a major topic of board discussion since early this year. The board is united in taking the pandemic seriously and is following all recommendations issued by the Governor. It strives to find the right balance between protecting public health and protecting personal freedoms. Accordingly, Indian Lake Beach and Park Restrictions were issued by the board on April 18. These were sent by email to all residents who are on the Indian Lake email list. The board has since issued a follow-up statement.

*It's more important than ever to have as many residents as possible on the Indian Lake email list. If you don't receive regular emails from me, you're not on the list. All emails are sent Bcc so your credentials are hidden from everyone else. A few residents prefer not to be included, and that preference is respected.*

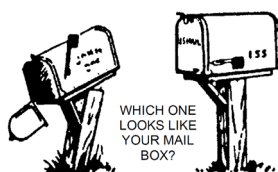
Since April, the board has been meeting virtually. Meetings are still the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. If you want to join a meeting, contact me beforehand for a virtual invitation. We're currently using Skype, but our virtual meeting platform is subject to change.

Despite COVID-19, the board is planning for a full dredging season this summer and the dredge is being prepared as I write. For other things, it's still too early to know how the pandemic will play out and what the response of the board will be.

If you have a neighborhood question or concern related to the pandemic or not, please contact me or any board member.

## Does your mailbox need attention?

Now that Spring has arrived, Indian Lake residents will want to make their properties look their best by planting flowers and attending to their mailboxes. This checklist, courtesy of the US Postal Service, will help make sure that nothing is missed.



Postal regulations require customers to provide and erect at their own expense rural mail boxes which meet official standards. A recent inspection disclosed the following faults.

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| 1. Your box is not an approved box  | 10. The Signal Flag needs attention  |
| 2. The door needs attention   | 11. Your box is too near the road  |
| 3. Box must be located so carrier can serve it without leaving vehicle                              | 12. Your box is too far from the road  |
| 4. Your box is not waterproof   | 13. Your box should face the road  |
| 5. Your box should be raised _____ inches   | 14. Your box should be securely fastened to its support  |
| 6. Your box should be lowered _____ inches  | 15. Your box should be made level, and the post firmly planted   |
| 7. Your box must be located on the right-hand side of the road in the carrier's direction of travel | 16. A new post for your box should be provided   |
| 8. The approach to your box should be filled and properly graded & kept unobstructed at all times   | 17. The rural box number must be printed in numerals not less than one inch high on the side of the box visible to the carrier as they approach it or on the box door if the boxes are grouped |
| 9. The approach to your box should be kept clear of snow, vehicles, and other obstacles.            | 18. Your box should be painted to prevent rusting  |
|   | 19. Your house number must be clearly displayed _____ on your house or _____ on your box   |

## When You Need To Call



### KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

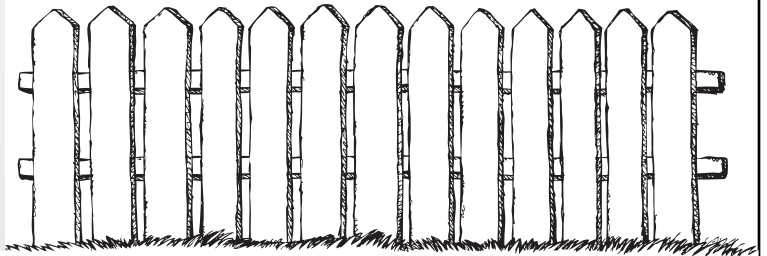
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|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Assessments - Lynn Osborn             | 826-1505 |
| Beach reservations - any board member |          |
| Boat slip rentals - Kyle Hurd         | 416-7982 |
| Bylaws and rules - Bob Gundaker       | 855-1349 |
| Civic Committee - Stacy Russell       | 557-2283 |
| Communications - Alyssa Alexander     | 670-7559 |

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Mark Rumreich (president)         | 823-3897 |
| Andy Van Treese (vp)              | 627-0737 |
| Lynn Osborn (secretary/treasurer) | 826-1505 |
| Alyssa Alexander                  | 719-0910 |
| Joe Dayan                         | 910-7751 |
| Bob Gundaker                      | 855-1349 |
| Kyle Hurd                         | 416-7982 |
| Scott Kelley                      | 919-7231 |
| Phil Marble                       | 702-5715 |
| RJ Russell                        | 281-0024 |

## Across the Fence

Welcome to **Jay** and **Pauline White** who recently purchased 10185 Indian Lake Blvd South. The Whites are just a few years away from retirement and decided now was a good time to move to where they wanted to live in retirement. They have three daughters (two live nearby) and one granddaughter. Pauline is a nurse and Jay is an IT guy who loves woodworking. They're excited to be a part of the community and look forward to meeting everyone.



### USES BLANK CARTRIDGES IN HOLDUP; GETS \$1,000

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 11—A well dressed bandit who used blank cartridges for ammunition late yesterday held up and robbed members of a bridal party at the Indian Lake summer cottage of Mrs. Max Bardach, north of Indianapolis. Jewelry valued at \$1,000 and \$43 in cash were taken. The robber escaped with an accomplice in an automobile.

The man walked into the cottage while 12 women were engaged in a bridge game. He drew a revolver and commanded the women to remove their jewelry and took money from their purses.

While the robbery was in progress the bandit fired a shot at the floor. Later Deputy Sheriffs Cook and Hanley were unable to find the mark of a shot in the floor and concluded the bandit's pistol was loaded with blank cartridges.

## Blast from the past

This front page article is from the Saturday August 11, 1934 edition of the Greencastle Daily Banner newspaper. It describes an armed robbery at the Indian Lake summer cottage of Mrs. Max Bardach.

A follow-up article a month later says the armed bandit was Arthur McGinnis, an associate of gangster John Dillinger. Dillinger had been killed at the Biograph Theater in Chicago on July 22. McGinnis was captured by Chicago police in a gun battle to round up Dillinger associates. Indianapolis police were seeking to have him extradited to stand trial for multiple bridge party holdups and a drug store robbery in Indianapolis.

# 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.

An Indian Lake neighbor reports that he's had amazing success using Scott's lawn grub control to ward off moles. By killing the grubs, you eliminate a favorite food source for moles. Scott's says that their grub control doesn't harm earthworms which moles also like to eat, so grub control only eliminates a portion of the mole's food supply. The ultimate treatment might be to use castor oil and grub control.



## 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. After spraying, set up a lawn sprinkler and water about 20 minutes to an area. Repeat if moles return.

Two applications per year are average. Spring is the best time to apply as the ground is usually soft. Then, you better warn your neighbors that they will be the benefactors of the moles.

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## "Who cooks for you?"

by Laine Rumreich

A mother and baby Barred Owl roosted in our backyard for a least a week during mid-May this year. In early May we began to see a large owl cross through our backyard at dusk every night. A about a week later, during a thunderstorm, we saw an owlet perched on a small tree at the edge of our yard. Each day throughout the following week as we struggled to spot its new perch in the woods, it slowly moved higher and higher into the trees, presumably as it learned to fly. The mother was never too far from the owlet and could be seen feeding the baby or watching over it from a distance. Each day the owlet noticeably grew and developed better skills at camouflaging itself until eventually we could no longer find it in the dense woods. We hope to see more barred owls in the future to ask us "Who cooks for you?"



### Barred Owls

- Listen for their distinctive call "Who cooks for you"
- They favor dense woods with scattered clearings near water
- Age of young at first flight: six weeks

# Congratulations to the Class of 2020

It's been particularly difficult for graduating seniors this year, having to forgo many of the traditional events and ceremonies. Offering your congratulations would be especially meaningful to them.



**Claire Clifton** is graduating from high school this year. She is homeschooled and goes to Wisdom Builders co-op. She plans on taking a gap year but attending IUPUI for nursing in the fall of 2021. Please help us celebrate this huge accomplishment with her!



**Louis Kersh** graduated from the University of Evansville with a BS in Special Education. He received the 2020 Outstanding Future Educator Award, is Vice President of the Indiana Student Educators Association, and is a member of the Kappa Kappa Iota Honors Society. He was on the Dean's List for six semesters.

**Roxanne Legge** is graduating from Lawrence North High School and was a "Top 30" graduate and the recipient of the Biomedical Science Award of Excellence. Roxy will study biology at the Hutton Honors College at Indiana University Bloomington.

**Laine Rumreich** graduated summa cum laude with a BS in Computer Science and Engineering from Ohio State University. She'll be returning to OSU to complete her master's degree. Ohio State canceled its in-person graduation ceremony this spring, but some photos of Laine were taken on campus in her cap and gown. The photo of her is in front of Mirror Lake. It was a tradition for students to jump into Mirror Lake around midnight on the Tuesday night before the annual football game between the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Michigan Wolverines, as many as 12,000 students did so in years past. The university now drains the lake before the big game.



**Grace Sweeney** is graduating from the Indian Lake Homeschool Academy (Yep...that is its legal name). Grace is taking the next year to explore all the wonderful things this world has to offer before making a decision on her future endeavors.



If your graduation was missed, please send your announcement to the Smoke Signal for inclusion in the Summer edition.