

Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Now that the City of Lawrence is operating its own storm water utility, we hope that there will be better opportunities for a collaborative Indian Lake auxiliary spillway project. This project would reduce the likelihood of a catastrophic failure of our dam, and would benefit downstream communities as well as our own. We continue to build our funds for this project.

This year we're investing in an expansion and reconfiguration of the South Beach dock and shore. Details can be found in a separate article in this edition of the Smoke Signal.

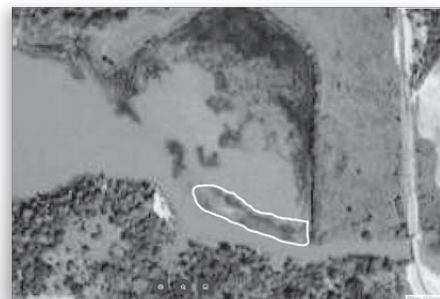
Information is being gathered for a trash grate structure for our sluice gate. This would be installed on the lake side of the dam to prevent large logs from jamming the sluice gate. Log jams are a major factor in reluctance to open the sluice gate.

Improving the efficiency of Papoose as a silt trap has been a subject of discussion for decades. To receive serious consideration, any proposal would need to be backed up by engineering simulation to demonstrate that the expected improvement would justify the expense. One idea is the restoration of the inlet to its original state. This would mean removing the peninsula formed naturally by accretion. The man-made peninsula separating Papoose from the main body of the lake would remain intact. The aerial photos show the present-day view, the 1941 view, and a rendering of the original 1929 configuration. Removal of the accreted peninsula would increase the size of Papoose and produce a more uniform water flow through it. Both of these would improve its efficiency as a silt trap. In addition, residents currently living on the creek would now have a lake view. Conversely, the view looking south would be of homes on wooded lots rather than a wooded peninsula. The board is interested in hearing what residents think of this idea.

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present day – substantial peninsula



1941 – the beginnings of a peninsula



1929 – no peninsula

Yakima Trail Honeysuckle Removal

by Andy Van Treese

On Saturday, March 27th, the awesome volunteers of Jim & Pauline, Kate & Amy, Jarod & Sarah, Mike, Tom, Phil, Andy, and Mark (ILIA employee) met to remove, spray stumps with brush killer, and burn the invasive honeysuckle from Yakima Trail on the south side of our lake. Early spring is an especially good time to remove honeysuckle because it's one of the first plants to leaf out in spring, making it easy to spot. There was much accomplished and everyone that volunteered learned the proper manner of eliminating this Indiana forest menace.

We plan on meeting again soon. In the meantime, it seems that many residents are removing honeysuckle on their own properties! If anyone needs training on how to effectively remove honeysuckle, contact Andy.

The next time you're at the South Beach, take a look south towards the Morgan residence. Tony and I have removed a bunch of honeysuckle while trying not to trample the Mayapples. It looks amazing and removal helps keep the mosquitos away!



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If you use the "Paying for an item or service" option, the fee won't be visible to you on the PayPal website, but it will be deducted from the funds received by ILIA. ILIA will then need to charge you for the difference.

Questions? Call ILIA Treasurer Lynn Osborn at 670-3933.

Meet the Neighbor

by Kimberly Hunt

Ross Walker and his wife, Elisabeth Charlotte, moved to Indian Lake in 1968. "Checotah [Drive] was really just a cow path," he indicates out his living room window. "There weren't very many houses out here back then. This was 'the country.' We used to buy eggs from a neighbor on Winona. He had goats and chickens and a mean mule. I can't remember the man's name," Mr. Walker chuckles, "but the mule's name was Noah."

Walker attended undergraduate school at Earlham College and law school at the University of Chicago. He passed the bar in 1960 and was immediately drafted into the army. "As a matter of fact," he recalls with a touch of dismay, "I was sworn in by the commanding officer of the Judge Advocate General Corps. He tried to recruit me as an officer. I told him I didn't want to be in the Army that long, so they sent me to supply school."

Being a supply clerk worked out pretty well for Walker on the way to Germany on a Naval ship. He was one of three "volunteers" who were ordered to hand out mops and buckets. "Have you ever been on a ship in the North Atlantic Ocean?" Walker challenges. "I don't recommend it. It was rough! Everyone was sick. The three of us who handed out mops," he laughs triumphantly, "never had to clean up the mess!"

Walker's time as a supply clerk was short-lived once he arrived in Germany. He was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st squadron, and told to report to Major Patton; none other than General George S. Patton's son. "He looked at me and said, 'I hear we have a lawyer in the group,' and he handed me the court-martial manual." From then on, Walker was the courts and boards clerk in charge of summary and special court-martials for the regiment.

Walker was stationed in Germany on the Czechoslovakian border between 1960 and 1962. During this time, the Berlin Wall was erected and Cold War tensions were extremely high. Still, the young corporal managed to meet an intelligent and beautiful German woman who spoke perfect English. (This was fortuitous since Walker didn't speak German.) The couple fell in love, and Walker proposed marriage within the first two months of meeting Elisabeth Charlotte. Ross didn't need any more time to

be certain "Liselotte" was the girl for him, but the United States government took more convincing. It took nearly a year, and some urging from Walker's commanding officer, before Elisabeth Charlotte was cleared of any suspicion of being a German spy, and the couple was allowed to marry.



For the first six months of their marriage, Cpl. Walker stayed in the barracks and Liselotte continued to live with her parents. When Walker's tour ended and the couple moved stateside, they lived in Ross's hometown of Richmond for 2 months, then moved to Indianapolis when he got a position as a deputy prosecutor for the Marion County Juvenile

Courts, and later became a part-time judge. The couple found the house at 11015 Indian Lake Blvd South, purchased it for \$19,900, and lived there together for 40 years. Although Mr. Walker is now a widower, Liselotte's presence is still very much a part of the home. Her portrait hangs on the wall across from Ross's chair in the living room, and the curtains in the window are from the factory where she worked when they first met. "I'd marry her again," he declares emphatically.

Judge Walker presided over the Marion County juvenile courts for 33 years. In that time, he only had to waive 2 cases up to the adult courts to be tried for murder. Walker maintains, "Most of the kids in this county were not bad kids, and they did not show up in the adult courts later." He admits that Charles Manson, who came through the Marion County juvenile courts in 1949, was the notable exception.

Retired from the courts for 20 years now, Mr. Walker continues to travel back to Germany regularly to visit Liselotte's family and go downhill skiing. He and Liselotte took up the sport sometime after returning to the states and he continues to be an enthusiast. "It's cheaper as you get older," he muses. "There's a place in Austria that allows anyone over 80 to ski for free." At 86 years old, Walker is happy to be part of this elite group.

Even though Mr. Walker has lived in the Indian Lake community for 53 years, he has not been stationary. He has traveled from Canada to Argentina, and from Alaska to China. So, if you see Mr. Walker in the neighborhood, be sure to ask him about his world travels.



Improved Dirt Removal Process

Phil Marble

Every year we dredge the lake of silt so that we can maintain its depth. Dredging takes place from May through October of each year. Using the dredge, we pump lake water filled with silt to the spoils area. After it dries, we excavate the dirt into a hill and then truck it out as we find customers that want our dirt. On April 7, we were able to truck out 41 tri-axle dump truck loads of dirt. This equates to 574 cubic yards of soil. We plan on repeating the process as we locate new and returning customers. Our cost goal is to get rid of dirt for less than \$5 per cubic yard.

The interesting thing is that our process is usually to have ILIA pay for the excavating and ask the customer to pay for the trucking. Last year we found a customer who wanted it totally for free, but eventually agreed to chip-in \$25 per truck load. This got us very close to our \$5 per cubic yard goal. This year we asked this same customer to pay \$50 per truckload. He balked at that suggestion but made a counter-proposal to use his own equipment and manpower to do the loading at his expense if we paid for the trucking. We accepted his offer. It worked out great for him and for ILIA. It is good dirt that after he adds some organic nutrients, he can turn around and sell for a profit. For us we were able to come in at \$3.65 per cubic yard to get rid of dirt.

His loading method was a tandem one that utilized both a bulldozer and a very large excavator. It had a 3-yard capacity bucket and was able to load a full tri-axle dump truck with five scoops! We estimate that we have another 300 truckloads remaining to be transported from our existing hill, and hope to get rid of at least half of that pile this year.

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BYLAWS REVISION

Every twenty years, our bylaws (or more precisely, our covenants) are reaffirmed by the membership. 2021 is one such year, and a special meeting will be held in December for that purpose. The board has been preparing for this event for over a year and was planning to take advantage of it to introduce some improvements.

Last December, the board retained HOA attorney Greg Chandler to help with the process. When the board presented Greg with its proposal, he highly recommended that we take the opportunity to fully modernize our covenants, which are just eight years shy of being a hundred years old. The board spent many hours considering the ramifications and concluded that it was in the best interest of the Association to do so.

Some of the highlights of the proposal:

- > Remove the 20-year membership reaffirmation cycle.
- > Separate covenants and bylaws into separate documents.
- > Eliminate outdated verbiage and replace with common boiler plate in line with contemporary HOA covenants.
- > Simplify the voting procedure for reconstruction of the dam in the event of a catastrophic failure
- > Modernize the election notification procedure to include contemporary usage of email as an additional legal means to communicate to membership.

For these changes to be made, 65 percent of the membership must vote in favor of them. This will require an extraordinary effort to share information and build consensus in a relatively short amount of time. Residents can expect special mailings and meetings to meet this challenge.

Across the Fence

By Andy Van Treese

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!

- > **Amalie Niednagel** on Oswego Drive
- > **Jeff and Rainey Martin** and family on Mohawk Drive
- > **Jarod Logsdon** and **Sarah Richardson** on South Drive
- > The **Shaws** on North Drive



Docking Improvements

Alyssa Alexander, Ryan Free, Kyle Hurd, Phil Marble, RJ Russell, and Andy Van Treese

The North Beach & South Beach committee has some exciting improvements to share.

FIRST - SOUTH BEACH DOCK IMPROVEMENTS

South Beach dock has been improved to allow for a greater number of boats to be docked. The prior design proved to be too close to the shore which made it difficult for boats to be docked on the inside of the floating dock. Deaton's was hired to add two new sections and reposition the floating dock for the new configuration.

- > The new configuration allows for eight (8) boats measuring 19' long and above to be positioned on the lakeside of the dock.
- > It now allows for eight (8) boats under 19' to be docked on the shore side of the dock.
- > The walk-way has also been improved to be less susceptible to future erosion, as well as plans are in the works for adding rip rap to this area to combat erosion.
- > Additional features include repositioning of the two benches and adding 20+ new cleats.

Plans are in the works for the shoreline to be excavated soon to increase the depth between the dock and the shore.

BOAT SLIP ASSIGNMENT CHANGES

Due to the number of homeowners utilizing the dock structures at both North Beach and South Beach, we have adopted a new Boat Slip Assignment Process, effective May 1, 2021.

- > Slip Spaces will be numbered and assigned to all paid boat slips by May 1st of every year.
- > A pay-to-enter lottery system will be conducted for specifying prime spaces. (Contact a committee member for more details)
- > All remaining spaces will be randomly drawn among the remaining unassigned – paid boat slips.

Please contact a committee member if you have any questions or wish to reserve an available boat slip.

The goal of the NB/SB Beach Committee is to continue to improve these spaces annually in ways that bring the most value to our neighborhood. If you have a suggestion for an area that needs to be improved, or you just wish to learn more about our ongoing projects, please feel free to contact any one of the committee members.

Here's to a wonderful season on the lake!

