

Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

COVENANTS

On December 13th, a special meeting was held at the Jenn Park Pavilion to decide on the question of approving the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Indian Lake Subdivision as provided to the membership on November 18, 2021.

128.05 lots (65% of 197 lots) were needed for approval. 140.83 lots were voted in favor, so the amended covenants passed. This was an important decision for the neighborhood and voter turnout was high. 186 of 197 lots (94%) were voted. Thank you to everyone who attended the special meeting and who participated in the voting process.

The new covenants have been recorded with the Marion County recorder. They are available on the Indian Lake website at IndianLakeHOA.com/docs.htm and will be printed in the next Indian Lake telephone directory.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual meeting at the Jenn Park Pavilion on January 19th. We discussed the budget and neighborhood topics and elected officers.

The proposed budget included a seven percent increase to help offset increases in Association expenses such as repairs, infrastructure improvements, labor, and insurance. It was mentioned that the recent Marion County property tax reassessment could affect individual assessments up or down because Indian Lake assessments are calculated based on individual assessed land values with respect to the total neighborhood land value. The proposed budget was passed by voice vote.

Mike Nix, RJ Russell, and I were elected to the board of directors for three-year terms. Please welcome newcomer Mike Nix to the Indian Lake board. I'd like to thank retiring board member Alyssa Alexander for her valuable service. She served for six years and was instrumental in many projects.

NEW TREASURER

Our treasurer, Lynn Osborn, will be retiring after 12 years of service to our community. I can't thank her enough for her integrity, hard work, and endurance!

The board has appointed Indian Lake resident Jay White to serve as our new ILIA treasurer – please welcome him to this important position. Jay just retired from Stanley Electronic Security where he led IT for North America. He has served on non-profit and educational advisory boards and is an experienced QuickBooks user. Jay officially started on April 1. Lynn will stay on long enough to help with the transition.

DEVELOPMENT IN OUR WATERSHED

When land in our 25 square mile watershed is converted from farmland or forest to a residential subdivision, Indian Lake receives a burst of additional sediment resulting from the erosion of bare soil during the earthmoving phase of the project. Developers are required to use silt fences and other best management practices, but these are only partially effective at keeping soil on site. In addition, the creation of impervious areas such as rooftops, driveways, and streets means that less stormwater will soak into the ground and more will flow through Indian Lake. This incrementally increases flooding of our lake and the risk of a catastrophic dam breach.

Because of these detrimental effects, it's been our practice for over twenty years to ask developers to help offset the expenses that we'll incur because of their proposed development. We do this during the rezoning process and request commitments to be paid when building permits are issued.

Recently, Arbor homes issued building permits for section 1 of their Silver Stream subdivision at 46th and German Church Road. We have received a check from them for \$2,052 in honor of their rezoning commitment to us.

A few weeks ago, we received notice of a 46-acre rezoning petition at 38th and Carroll Road. I've contacted the petitioner and hope to negotiate a commitment prior to the May 26th hearing.

Aquatic Control and their hatchery partner successfully released 2,125 Redear and 285 Striped Bass into Indian Lake last Fall. The stocking was very interesting, as a hatchery truck filled with holding tanks arrived at the North Beach dock. The fish were scooped up in nets and I watched as they were released into Indian Lake. We look forward to great angling in the coming years.

Striped Bass can grow up to 22 pounds within the first two years. Most are caught between two and five pounds, or 10 to 15 pounds. They have a life span of up to five or six years. In addition to being a great sport fish for our anglers, the Striped bass will eat the larger shad that are in the lake. The shad, when they reach a length of over 12 inches are a wasted biomass as they are too big for our Largemouth Bass population to eat. The Striped Bass will also help control the crappie and bluegill species by feeding on the smaller fish and therefore, leaving a more healthy and larger size bluegill and crappie population.

Redear Sunfish, also known as Shellcracker, are a very popular sport fish for many reasons. They can grow up to 12 inches and weigh as much as two-pounds and can be identified by the red coloring at their ear. They live up to six years on average. Redear are known for their diet of mollusks and snails. This is why they are so popular for stocking a lake. They have sharp teeth that are engineered to break open shells. This disrupts the life cycle of the yellow grubs that currently infest Indian Lake. These grubs were found in the wings and muscles of our largemouth bass when analyzed during the fish survey that was conducted in the Spring. The Redear will feast on these parasites. The result will be a healthier fish population as the grubs are detrimental to our fish reaching their optimal weight.

The biologists from Aquatic Control are recommending that we practice catch and release on both the Redear and the Striped Bass. The next step in our stocking plan will be to release an additional 2,125 Redear into Indian Lake this Spring.

On a final note, the ILIA Board would like you to know that we have a special committee called the Lake Conservation Working Group. Phil Marble and Tom Olliger are currently co-leaders of the group. If anyone is interested in being on this team, please contact Phil Marble at 317-702-5715. We are interested in issues such as fish stocking, fishing reports throughout the year, environmental cleanups, removal of invasive species on the peninsula and along the shorelines of Indian Lake, removal of trash and organic debris, log removal, keeping logs if they are a good habitat, adding structures to enhance hatching and hiding places for fingerlings. Also, we are looking into installing aerators in the lake. The information we have received from various sources indicate that these aerators will clear up the water, help dissipate muck and silt, and greatly enhance fishing and have many ecological benefits.

Fish Stocking

By Phil Marble



Blast from the Past

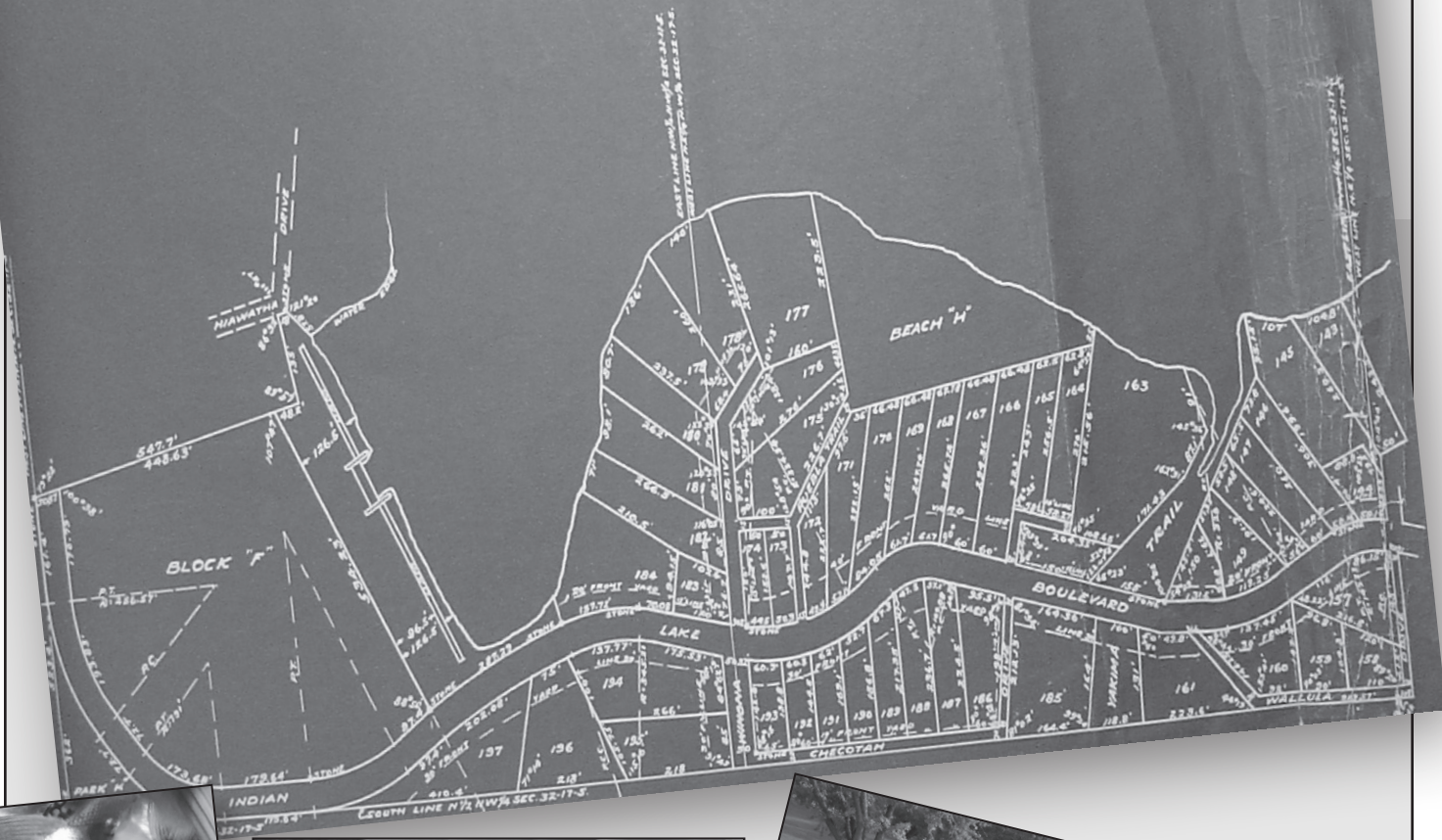
The original plat of Indian Lake 3rd Section shows Indian Lake Boulevard as part of a loop surrounding the entire lake. Presumably, there would have been a bridge to make the connection across the creek, below the dam. Today, Indian Lake Blvd South ends at Winona Drive.

The original plat shows Indian Lake Blvd as being north of Lot 185. It's now south of that lot. The terrain dictated the change. Today you need to make a turn if you want to stay on westbound South Drive. Most people continue straight and find themselves on Checotah.

Access to South Beach was originally by Puebla Trail. Now the South Beach access drive is between Lots 176 and 177.

The west and south legs of Wallula Drive were never developed. They would have prevented the landlocking of Lot 159, but this was solved by the combined ownership of Lots 159 and 160.

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Totem Pole Graces South Drive

By Tony Morgan

Upon realizing the Hurds and us had a large patch of trees in need of removal, Julie brought up the idea of a Totem Pole, so I went to work. Neighbors Kate and Amy had a tree sculpture done years ago so we contacted their artist, Jason Dillon Bord, who constructed 9 different drawings for us. We chose our favorite, and he commenced on around 26 hours of work to give us this beautiful piece of art for us and our community.

Even though this is a tree sculpture and not a true Totem Pole, the concept was the same. Totem Poles are markings of territory, lineage, and history of one's family. As we are part of the Van Treese family, whose roots stretch over a half-century at Indian Lake, we can't help but feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful family and community, and as such, this is our gift to all. Thank you for being such an inspiring part of our life here on Indian Lake.



When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR
INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Jay White	597-5076
Beach reservations - any board member	
Boat slip rentals - Alyssa Alexander	670-7559
Boat stickers - Andy Van Treese	627-0737
Car stickers - Jay White	597-5076
Civic Committee - Stacy Russell	557-2283
South Beach gate - Andy Van Treese	627-0737

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Meet the Neighbor

by Kimberly Hunt

Linda Van Treese and her husband, Ron, moved into their home on the south side of Indian Lake in 1959. Her father was not happy about them moving "all the way out here" because there wasn't much out this way other than a drive-in movie theater and a Village Pantry on Pendleton Pike. Back then, Checotah drive did not exist and Indian Lake Boulevard South was a rutted, unpaved road. "It wasn't much better than the 'cowpath,'" recalls Mrs. Van Treese, describing a path that used to cut through private farmland from what is now the corner of Winona Dr. and Checotah Dr. and came out at 63rd Street. At that time the south beach did not exist and there was no road down to the south side of the lake. That suited the Van Treeses just fine because they were looking to start their family and did not want to worry about the children going down to the water.

When the Van Treese children did come along, Ron and Linda hid the fact that they lived by the lake. They would load everyone into the family Packard and drive over to the north beach for a day at Indian Lake. This ruse worked well for a few years until the family dog, Bushel, let the cat out of the bag, so to speak. Bushel liked to go off exploring and would, mysteriously, return home soaking wet. One day, a very young Dan and Jeff decided to solve the mystery by following Bushel on one of his excursions over the hill across the street from their house. When the boys excitedly returned home to inform their parents they discovered a lake right across the street, Ron and Linda knew the jig was up.

As the children grew to be school-age, and South Drive had not much improved, Mrs. Van Treese and her Volkswagen Bug often served as the neighborhood school bus. "No one wanted to drive on that icy, steep grade, but everyone wanted their children to go to school, So I would call around and say, 'I'm driving to school. Who wants to go?'" "I fit nine kids in that VW bug." She chuckles a little incredulously as she describes where she fit them all. Julie and Andy, her two youngest children, who were not yet old enough to go to school, rode in the compartment behind the back seat.

In those days, Mrs. Van Treese drove the children to Mary Castle Elementary School, but over the years the schools continued to change. Every time they built a new school, the kids on the lake had to switch to the new school.

Linda has seen much more than roads and schools change in the Indian Lake neighborhood over more than sixty years, but it seems the camaraderie and sense of community has remained the same. She recounts Euchre nights and neighborhood gatherings and easily recalls the names of the original families who lived on Winona Drive and Indian Lake Boulevard South. Maybe that's why every one of her four children returned to Indian Lake to raise their families. "I never encouraged my children to come back to Indian Lake to live. They just loved growing up here. It's a compliment, really." Linda now has grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even one great-great grandchild. It remains to be seen if these future generations will also choose to return to the Indian Lake Community.

Stay tuned...





North Beach Fall Annual Picnic

Here are photos from last fall's Annual Picnic, held at North Beach.
The Civic Committee is now making plans for this year's event.

