

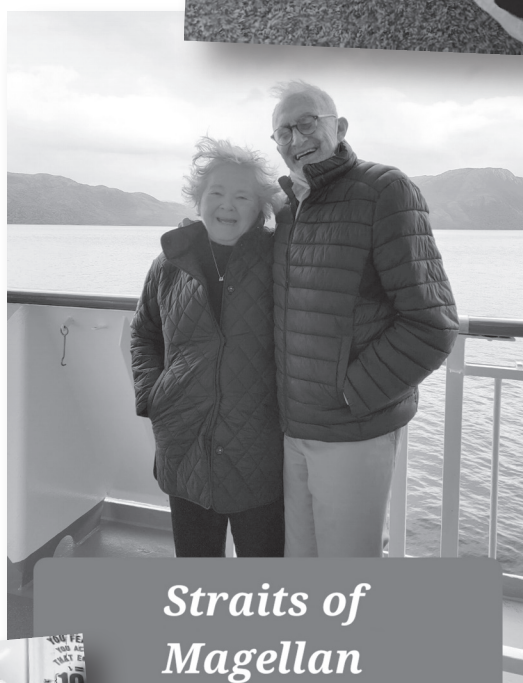
Across the Fence

Congratulations to **Jeff and Kathy Van Treese**, the proud gran parents of their eighth grandchild. **Blakely Rene Van Treese** was born on February 16th and weighed 5lbs, 14oz. Her older brother, Jacoby, couldn't be more pleased. The proud parents are Ryan & Laura Van Treese. The proud great-grandmother is Linda Van Treese. Just ask Linda and she'll tell you that she loves the word GREAT.

Congratulations to **Dustin Van Treese** for winning top honors at the Carmel Police Department competition for best shooting.



Tom and Marge Crouch recently returned from a three-week trip to South America and Antarctica. Antarctica is the windiest, driest, and coldest place in the world. Only researchers live there. They have now visited all seven continents and bicycled in all 50 states. Their next adventure? Stay tuned!



Straits of Magellan

Stevi Kersh's mom, Wilma Jean Roush, celebrated her 105th birthday on April 2nd alongside some of her Indian Lake friends. Her margarita party was complete with tequila sponsor NueveUno.



Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2023 annual neighborhood meeting was held on Monday, January 16 at 7 PM at the Jenn Park Pavilion. The meeting was well attended and allowed us to elect board members, approve an annual budget, and discuss neighborhood topics.

The board proposed no increase in the 2023 budget and it was approved by the membership.

One neighborhood topic that was discussed was the amending of the covenants regarding ownership rights of Block F, Block K, and Playgrounds A and B. Another was the creation of an Architectural Control Committee to create guidelines for structures requiring board approval by the covenants. These topics will be the subject of continuing discussion in 2023.

The board would like to welcome new board members Tom Crouch and Kate Dydo and returning member Phil Marble. The board would also like to thank Kyle Hurd and Andy Van Treese for their dedicated service to the board and the Indian Lake community.

INDIAN LAKE COVENANTS, ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL, AND THE BOARD

I'd like to use this President's Message to discuss the powers and limitations of the board when it comes to architectural control. The board is often called upon to take action related to new or existing structures and must act according to our governing documents.

At Indian Lake, the covenants dictate the most important rules for the Association. The members themselves are the Legislative branch of Indian Lake government. They have full power to approve or disapprove changes to the covenants. The board is the Executive branch. The board is granted powers by the covenants and cannot act beyond them.

Board is required to approve/disapprove plans at the time of construction

Prior to construction, members are required to submit plans to the board and the board is required to approve or disapprove them within thirty days. If approved, that approval is perpetual, and not subject to later revocation. For example, if a member received approval to build a detached garage from the board, a later board couldn't come back and say that the garage needed to be moved or modified.

Note that approval by the Board of a correctly filed application shall not be deemed to be an approval by local governing authorities (i.e., the city of Indianapolis) nor a waiver of the applicant's obligation to obtain any required approvals from any such authorities or to otherwise comply with applicable local ordinances.

Structures prohibited by the covenants

A second type of situation involves architectural control elements that are prohibited by the covenants. These include structures that are not private residence buildings, private garages, or garden houses. Examples can be found in Article VI, Section 4 of the covenants. These are subject to removal at any time, regardless of how long ago they were erected.

When the board is not granted authority by the covenants

A third type of situation is for architectural control elements that fall outside the scope of the covenants. Examples include mailboxes, trailer and RV parking in driveways, holiday yard displays, and the general upkeep of members' homes. Some of these are subject to Lawrence or Marion County ordinances, but not the covenants. The board is often asked to intervene in complaints involving some of these. If a municipal ordinance is involved, the board may ask Lawrence or Marion County for enforcement. Residents may do the same. Where no covenant or ordinance is involved, the board has limited enforcement authority and must often rely on goodwill.

Love Your Neighbor Progressive Party Enjoyed by All

On Saturday, March 4, the Civic Committee sponsored the Love Your Neighbor progressive party. The party began at 6 PM with appetizers at the home of Josh and Megan Betz. At 8 PM, the party moved to the home of Scott and Sarah Kelley for heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. The turnout was excellent and the party was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to this year's hosts and to the Civic Committee for organizing this event.

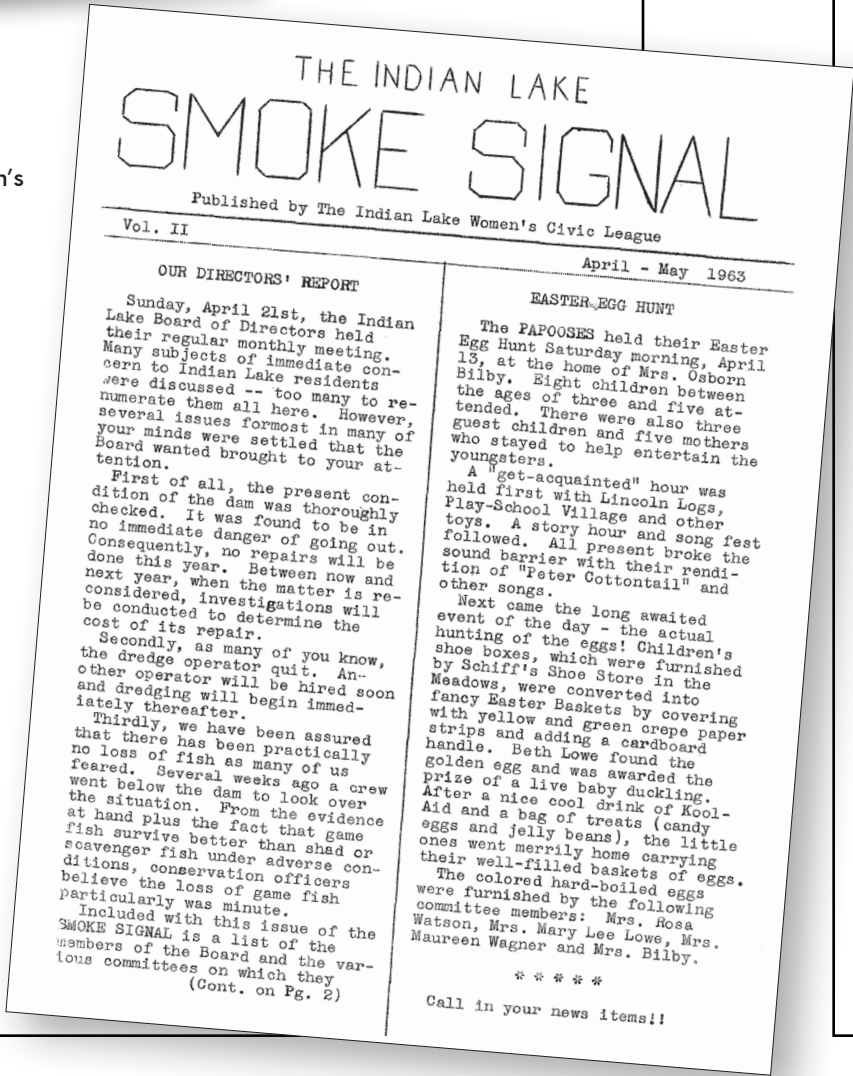


Blast from the Past

Sixty years ago in Smoke Signal history, the Indian Lake Women's Civic League reported:

- The Sunday, April 21st board meeting concluded that the dam was in no immediate danger of going out, that the dredge operator had quit and another would be hired soon, and that there was practically no loss of fish from "adverse conditions."
- An Easter Egg hunt was held at the home of Mrs. Osborn Bilby on the morning of Saturday, April 13th. Beth Lowe found the golden egg and was awarded the prize of a live baby duckling.
- LOST AND FOUND: Lost April 30 on the south side of the lake – a small 10-week-old mixed Collie called Tippy.
- Part 1 of the history of Indian Lake was presented by Indian Lake resident John Repass. The history begins 300 million years ago.
- ACROSS THE FENCE: two new families are welcomed, a scholarship was awarded, and more.

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Indian Lake Fishing Clinic

Longtime Indian Lake resident, Fred Zainey, has graciously volunteered to host a free all-ages fishing clinic for Indian Lake residents and their families. The focus will be on panfish such as bluegill and crappie. This is the perfect chance to get acquainted with one of Indian Lake's finest recreational offerings. The clinic will be followed by a tournament.

- What:** Indian Lake Fishing Clinic (Panfish)
- Where:** North Beach
- Date:** Saturday, April 29
- Time:** Noon to 2 pm (Clinic), 2 pm to 4 pm (Tournament)
- Bring:** Fishing Pole and Tackle
- Who:** All ages are welcome, kids and grandkids of lake residents and their guests. Special attention will go to kids 14 and under
- Prizes:** Any kid 14 and under is eligible for equipment prizes and all will receive a Junior Fishing License
- Sponsors:** Indian Lake Conservation Committee and Schwartz Bait and Tackle

RSVP is required by Saturday, April 22.
Text or call Phil Marble (317) 702-5715

THE INSTRUCTOR
Fred Zainey is an expert angler, and in 1992 he won the Indiana Bass Federation (IBF) Tournament of Champions at Morse Reservoir. He also was crowned (IBF) Angler of the Year in 1993 and 1995. Fred focuses most of his fishing on bass.

- WHAT YOU WILL LEARN**
- What kind of fishing reel to use
 - Line weight and type
 - Type of jigs
 - Live bait
 - Knot tying
 - Casting
 - Locations to fish
 - Understanding the kind of cover where fish reside
 - Time of day to fish
 - Tackle needed for panfishing
 - Bobber depth
 - Size and type of bait to use

There will be a drawing for a spincast rod and reel combo and a prize of a tackle box for the most fish caught. Goody bags with new lures and tackle and live bait will be provided to kids 14 and under by Schwartz Bait and Tackle. Residents are encouraged to donate new panfish tackle and lures. Experienced fishermen/women are encouraged to assist Fred with the event. Please let Phil Marble know if you would like to assist as an experienced fisher.

Playground Equipment Refurbishment

Under the leadership of Mike Nix, the playground equipment at the park is undergoing a complete refurbishment.

Last October, much of the playground equipment at the park received a fresh coat of forest green oil-based paint. The work was performed by volunteers Mike and Deb Nix, Joe Dayan, and Pauline White. Care



was taken for proper surface preparation so the new paint will last. It looks beautiful! Earlier in the season, workers encapsulated the rust on the swing set and monkey bars and added a fresh coat of oil-based paint in red and blue to add some color to the playground area.

When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments – Jay White	296-3530
Beach reservations - any board member	
Boat slip rentals - Alyssa Alexander	719-0910
Boat stickers - RJ Russell	281-0024
Car stickers - Jay White	296-3530
Civic Committee - Stevi Kersh	691-4854
South Beach gate key - Ryan Free	627-5674

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	643-6733
Phil Marble (vp)	702-5715
Jay White (treasurer)	296-3530
Tom Crouch	716-8662
Joe Dayan	910-7751
Kate Dydo	319-4743
Ryan Free	627-5674
Mike Nix	538-2729
Tom Oliger	847-6328
RJ Russell	281-0024

Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month except in January. Meetings are at 7 PM at the Indian Lake Country Club except in January and November. Visit the Indian Lake website at www.IndianLakeHOA.com