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## SPEED HUMPS INSTALLED

For anyone who hasn't travelled on South Drive lately, two speed humps were installed in mid-July, courtesy of the City of Lawrence. The humps are gentle, but proving to be effective in slowing down high speed drivers.

We requested that the humps be bike friendly, so the humps have 12-inch slots in the center of each lane for bikes and motorcycles to pass through.

See the article on speed humps to the right for the full story.

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You'll start receiving information that won't reach you in any other way such as:

- crime watch alerts
- lost and found boats
- rescheduled meetings
- short notice events
- road closings

There's no spam, and all emails are sent BCC (blind carbon copy), so your email address won't be revealed to anyone, including other email list members.

## South Drive Gets Speed Humps!

During the 2006 election, Stan Stephens was running for City Councilman and Paul Ricketts was running for Mayor. Stan and I talked about neighborhood issues and what the neighborhood wanted. I told him immediately, that we wanted speed humps. Stan said "that's all you want, speed humps?!" I told him yes. After his and Mayor Rickett's election victory, I contacted Stan to congratulate him and ask for our speed humps. Well, it was not as easy as that. The people that had worked for the Lawrence DOT for previous administrations were completely resistant to the idea and we got the same old answers (i.e. snow plow problems, school buses, motorcycle and bicycle traffic, police and fire response times, etc.).

After many months of getting nowhere, Stan suggested we get a signed petition from the homeowners that lived along South Drive. I did just that. Mark Rumreich provided me with some standardized petition sheets and I went to work. Over 90% of the people contacted along South Drive signed on the spot! This was over 18 months ago. The petition was then presented to Stan who presented it to Mayor Ricketts. Still nothing. Stan set up a meeting with Mark Rumreich, Mayor Ricketts and me. We met with the Mayor to let him know that we really did want the speed humps. Mark did some investigation on the internet about removable speed humps, etc. After much discussion a temporary removable speed hump was placed over small bridge on South Drive. This was not designed for traffic per say, but was a real bump. Traffic completely changed and people slowed way down. Unfortunately, the temporary speed bump was just that, temporary. It was removed after only serving 1 day!

After the removal, many neighbors called me and asked why. The short answer was it was not the correct device. After more discussions with Stan, we encouraged some Lawrence officials to look at what Indianapolis had done for years across Fall Creek Road & 71st Street on Briarclift, having permanent paved speed humps with signs.

So after many discussions, phone calls, meetings, and petitions, we now have our speed humps! What a difference living, walking, backing out of our driveways has been since. The City of Lawrence listened to its citizens on this issue and we can not be more pleased. We would like to thank City Councilman Stan Stephens and Mayor Paul Ricketts for their willingness to listen and act for the citizens that live along South Drive.

Andy Van Treese

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# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### NEW TENNIS COURT READY FOR PLAY

I'm proud to announce the new Indian Lake tennis court is open and ready for play! It was completed just in time for the July 4th holiday weekend.

The original court, believed built in the sixties, was beyond repair. The surface had wide gaps and buckling, the net posts were leaning, and the fence was in bad shape. The board felt that the old court was like a junk car in our front yard and it was time to act. The Tennis Court Committee was formed last year to study the problem and propose a solution.

### Committee looked at 3 options

The Tennis Court Committee looked at three options: replace the court with grass, replace the court with commercial playground equipment, or install a new court. The cost of replacing the court with commercial playground equipment ended up being nearly as expensive as a new court and was dismissed. The cost of simply replacing the court with grass was more expensive than expected because of the high demolition and disposal costs of the old court surface and fence. Factors of maintaining the existing amenities and character of the neighborhood as well as encouraging neighborhood activities led the committee and the board to choose replacing the court.

The Tennis Court Committee obtained five competitive bids, and chose the cheapest reputable firm. By excavating the old court ourselves, and refurbishing the fence rather than replacing it, the board was able to reduce the total cost by over a third.

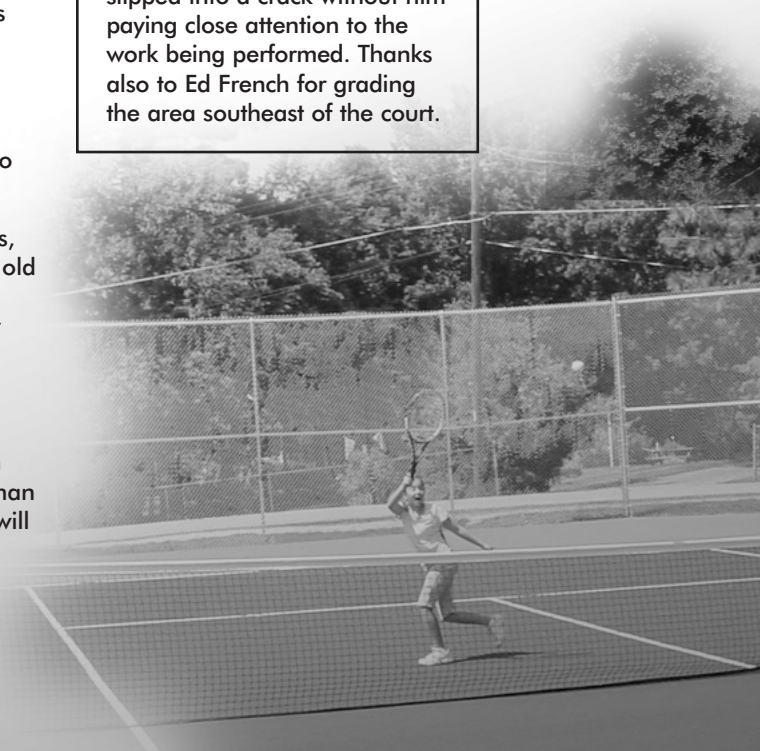
The new court is regulation size (the previous court side boundaries were 6 feet too narrow). The new surface features the USTA color scheme of a blue court with green boundary and looks awesome. The side fences are taller than before to reduce the number of balls over the fence. We will be completing the landscaping and adding a bench in the near future. A neighborhood fall tournament is being organized - see the details elsewhere in this issue of the Smoke Signal.

To protect the new surface and net, no bikes, skateboards, roller skates or fireworks are allowed on the court - the courts are for tennis only.

Enjoy the new court!

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Thanks to the Tennis Court Committee (Paul Legge, Andy Van Treese and RJ Russell) for their hard work researching replacement options and obtaining quotes. Special thanks to RJ for babysitting the court and fence companies - countless problems would have slipped into a crack without him paying close attention to the work being performed. Thanks also to Ed French for grading the area southeast of the court.





## When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR  
INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Gary Keithley	823-6561
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - Ben Slocum	723-3079
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Gary Keithley (secretary/treasurer)	823-6561
Ed French	823-4431
Ron Gillum	723-3917
Jim Hoskins	826-4944
Mike Hurd	823-0313
Paul Legge	823-7133
Ben Slocum	723-3079
Andy VanTreese	823-8990

## Looking for Indian Lake Info

We're looking for information to make the Indian Lake website and future editions of the Smoke Signal even better. We're especially interested in:

- Smoke Signals from the nineties
- documents from the thirties, forties or fifties
- old Indian Lake phone directories
- old photos relating to Indian Lake

Please contact [rumreich@gmail.com](mailto:rumreich@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Annual Picnic

This year's annual picnic was held on Sunday July 19. This year's theme was the Seventies and there were many great costumes to bring us back in time.

As always, it was a great chance to meet and socialize with neighbors. The weather was beautiful and the turnout was excellent.

Thanks to Ed French for providing the cool digs and to the Civic Committee for organizing and hosting the event!

Photos courtesy of Fred Zainey. Check out all 48 picnic photos on the Indian Lake Photo Album page at [http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian\\_lake](http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake)

## Mark Your Calendars

<b>Sept. 21st, 7:30 pm</b>	Civic Committee Meeting Suzy McDaniel's
<b>Oct. 3-4 (rain date Oct 10-11)</b>	Tennis Tournament, Indian Lake Tennis Court
<b>Oct. 30th evening</b>	Trunk or Treat
<b>Nov. 16th, 7:30 pm</b>	Civic Committee Meeting Ruth Norrington's
<b>Dec. 6th, 6:00 pm</b>	Progressive Dinner, various homes

## Across the Fence

Welcome to new neighbors, **Brook and Kim Hale**. They bought the Nelsons' house at 6908 Winona Drive. Brook and Kim have 2 children, a 4 year old boy, Noah and a 2 year old girl, Kira. You will probably see Brook out fishing. If not, look for the John Deere flag in their yard. Welcome!

Congratulations to our two Indian Lake graduating seniors. Both graduated from Lawrence North. **Annalee Wallace** will be attending Butler University where she has been accepted in the School of Performing Arts. **Stephan Van Treese** will be attending the University of Louisville and will be playing basketball on their team. Best of wishes to both graduates as they pursue their goals.

Congratulations to grandparents **Steve and Lisa Sweeney**. Their oldest daughter Brittney and her husband Jeff Lorentz just had their second child, Hunter Lee Lorentz, on March 16th. He was 10 lbs. 3 oz. and 21 inches long. They lovingly call him "Tank"!!

Thank you to **Andy Van Treese** who has planted begonias in the flower barrels on Winona Drive and at the bottom of South Drive. Andy planted these in memory of Flo Peck who had planted flowers in the barrels for many years. Andy wanted people to remember Flo's dedication to our community.

### Civic Committee Meetings

Monday, September 21st at 7:30 pm at Suzy McDaniel's home  
Monday, November 16th at 7:30 pm at Ruth Norrington's home

### Progressive Dinner

Save the date of Sunday, December 6th beginning at 6:00pm to join with your neighbors in the very popular Progressive Dinner. We are in the process of planning this event. If you would like to host either the appetizer or dessert location, please contact Anne Sharp at 826-8987. More information will be following.

### "Trunk or Treat"

Yes, you read that right, it is "Trunk or Treat". We realize that it is often difficult for the many youngsters to trick or treat in our neighborhood. This year we will be combining a fall festival with trick or treating from your trunk at the park. Decorate your car or truck, yourself and your kids. Then come prepared with some treats in your trunk. We will have a bonfire, with hot dogs, chili, drinks and snacks. There will be a hay ride, games and activities. Then all the little ones can safely go to each car or truck to trick or treat. More details will come. The event will be on Friday, October 30th. If you have any questions please call Suzanne Keithley at 823-6561.



### Picnic Follow-Up

We hope that all of you enjoyed putting on your tie-dyed outfits for the Woodstock themed picnic. It was a great day and many enjoyed the event. A special thank you to Eddie French for once again opening his pool and house to us. Thanks also to those who contributed to our raffle – Joyce Van Treese, Suzanne Keithley, and Hattie McDaniel.

Thanks to the tie-dye group who tie-dyed 15 tablecloths for the event that then were used as door prizes – Hattie and Suzy McDaniel, Anne Sharp, Stacey Russell, Ann Gillum and Ruth Norrington. Thanks also to the set-up crew of Stacey Russell, Anne Sharp, Joyce Van Treese, Hattie McDaniel, Jennifer Slocum and Ruth Norrington.



## Need a Boat?

If any Indian Lake residents have watercraft they want to buy or sell, the Smoke Signal can help. We'll publish your for-sale or wanted ad in the Smoke Signal, for free. Please send a complete description of your watercraft (photo optional) to [rumreich@gmail.com](mailto:rumreich@gmail.com).





## If You Care, Don't Feed Us

Deliberate feeding of raccoons makes them more comfortable around humans and more likely to get into situations where they are unwanted or in danger. It also encourages unnaturally high population levels within a small geographic area. This creates a higher risk of disease transmission among the raccoons and increases the likelihood that they will become pests. It is much better and more humane to allow population levels to adjust to the food and habitat natural available.

### Raccoon Risks

- Raccoons accustomed to humans often become aggressive and unafraid.
- People and pets can be attacked and bitten; small pets may be killed.
- Raccoon urine spreads the disease leptospirosis which affects people and can be fatal in dogs.
- Their feces spread a dangerous roundworm egg that is especially hazardous for children.
- Raccoon "latrines" contaminate soil, making it unsafe or play or gardening.



## 2009 Indian Lake Tennis Tournament

In celebration of the newly renovated tennis court, the Civic Committee will sponsor the 2009 Indian Lake Tennis Tournament on October 3 – 4 (rain date: Oct 10 – 11).

Entrants will be grouped by age, with final groupings to be determined based upon number of entrants. We hope to have enough entries to offer matches for age 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, adult (18+) and senior (60+). Age groups may be expanded or combined based on number of entries.

First round matches will be held on Saturday morning with winners advancing to later rounds on Saturday afternoon and, if needed, on Sunday. First round match times will be communicated a week in advance. All later round match times will be posted on Saturday morning so that winners will know their times.

**Rules: All players must be able to keep score and play at least a 4 game set.** You must bring your own racquet. Balls will be provided. Only the winners advance in the tournament. There are no consolation matches. Initial pairings will be made by random drawing, supervised by the Civic Committee. If you cannot play during your scheduled time, you will forfeit the match. Entry is free. Place ribbons will be awarded to first and second place finishers in each age group.

We hope to see all Indian Lake residents come out and join in this fun event.

To enter, email your name and age to RUMREICHL@hotmail.com, or call Lori Rumreich at 823-3897. Deadline for entry is September 25th. If anyone is interested in helping with the tournament (monitoring the court in case of questions, bringing refreshments, etc.), please call Lori Rumreich.

## 17th Annual Bob Nicholas Team Bass Tournament

*A total of 23 anglers competed in the 17th Annual Bob Nicholas Team Bass Tournament on July 19th, 2009, weighing in a total of 29 keeper sized (14") Bass. There were 17 Bass in the 1-2 pound range, 10 in the 2-3 pound range, 1 in the 3-4 pound range, and 1 in the 4-5 pound range for a combined total weight of 52 pounds even.*

The First Place team of Andy Clifton and Rusty Fields weighed in a total of 5 fish for 13lbs, 4oz to win the \$150.00 first place prize money. This team was by far the best of the day having caught a total of 10 keeper Bass. Culling was permitted and their 5 largest fish were counted towards their winning weight. Andy and Rusty stated they caught their fish on a variety of different baits ranging from plastic worms, spinner baits, buzz baits, and jigs. Most of their fish seemed to come late in the tournament with 4 being caught in the last hour of fishing.

Second Place honors went to last year's champion team, Trey Green and Tim Carroll. They weighed in a total of 4 Bass weighing 8-lbs, 7-oz, winning \$90.00 in second place prize money.

The Third place team of John & Greg Taylor weighed in a total of 4 fish that weighed a total of 7-lbs, 13-oz, their efforts paid them \$60.00 in prize money, plus John's 4.4 pound Big Bass paid them an additional \$80.00 for a total of \$140.00. His big fish came on a white spinner bait, or so he told me, we all know how fishermen are about stretching the truth!!

### Contestants in this year's tournament were:

(Listed in the order of their finish in the tournament.)

Andy Clifton & Rusty Fields  
Trey Green & Tim Carroll  
John & Greg Taylor  
Kevin Zainey & Jerry Robinson  
Phil Marble & Jarreh Johnson  
Dustin VanTreese  
John & Will Schaust  
Jeff Hair & his daughter Deborah  
Ron Gillum & Josh Mott  
Kerry Brown & Bill Hartwig  
Ruth & Luke Norrington  
Team Brooke & Bob

This is the second year now that our tournament has broken records for the most fish caught and the most weight weighed in. The number of bass in the lake is directly related to the amount of forage fish available, the cover available for the bass fry to survive to a keeper size, and above all, catch and release!!! The real proof of the benefits of catch and release are proven in the early spring when most of the really large 4, 5, and even 6 pound and larger bass are caught. Indian Lake has the first two covered in the amount of shad, carp, crappies, and bluegills that the bass feed on, plus all the weed beds, logs, trees, and branches that are present around our shore lines provide bass fry the means to survive to a catchable size. The third, Catch and Release, is up to the bass fishermen!! Let them go to grow big and some day you may catch the bass of a lifetime right here in Indian Lake!!

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**First place: Andy Clifton & Rusty Fields**



Andy Clifton



Rusty Fields





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On another note, I fish the lake quite often, one thing that I have been noticing lately is the amount of fishing line I see hanging from trees, or wrapped around logs in the water. Please, when you get snagged, make every effort to retrieve as much line as you can before breaking off! Wildlife can get tangled in fishing line causing injury and even death. As a kid, I can remember fishing below the dam one morning and seeing a Heron that had gotten tangled in fishing line that was hanging from a tree, the heron had died and was just hanging there. Should you be out fishing and see or become tangled in someone else's line that they did not retrieve, please make an effort to retrieve it for them! It will make you feel good, and make the wildlife around Indian Lake feel even better!!

Thanks to all the contestants that attended this year to make the best ever Indian Lake Bass Tournament. If you have not tried our tournament, you should next year, Hattie McDaniel's World Famous Oatmeal cookies will make your day, even if the fish are not biting. See you all next year!!!

Fred Zainey

Second place: Trey Green & Tim Carroll



Trey Green

See more photos of the tournament contestants with their catch on the Indian Lake Photo Album at [http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian\\_lake](http://s93475566.onlinehome.us/indian_lake)

Third place and big bass: John Taylor & Greg Taylor



John Taylor



Greg Taylor



Tim Carroll

# Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday April 11. The weather was beautiful, the turnout was good and the competition was fierce!



## Results of the Hunt!

age group	Golden Egg	Most Eggs	Least Eggs
0 - 4	Jackson Sweeney	John Taylor	Glory/Michael Mathews
5 - 7	Addison Hoppes	Addison Hoppes	Conrad Testin
8 - 10	Sam Zainey	Brittany Champlin	Haley Ragonesi