

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

♦ INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ♦

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Indian Lake Common Property

Association common property such as the beaches, park, and east end spoils area (Block J) are familiar to most Indian Lake residents. Less familiar are the many community-owned trails, parkways, blocks, and other parcels scattered throughout the neighborhood. The trails were created to provide community access to the lake by residents who may not have property with lake frontage. The blocks were created with unknown future uses in mind. Some community property is the result of roads not being built as originally envisioned.

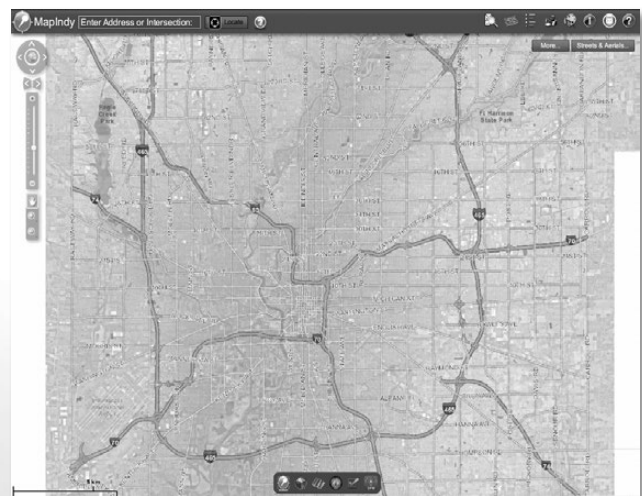
Many residents have common property next to theirs and may only be vaguely aware that it's not owned by them.

Shortly after moving to Indian Lake in 1992, I found that there was a section of common property next to mine. It was being casually maintained by the adjoining homeowners. I decided to attend a board meeting (held at Ed French's place at the time) and get the blessings of the board to clean up the area and mulch around the trees at my expense. The board flatly rejected my offer, informing me that individual residents are not to be landscaping or otherwise modifying Indian Lake common property. That was an eye-opener for me.

Over the years, a variety of issues involving common property have come up. There are private driveways and sheds that improperly extend onto common property. Homeowners have cut down trees on Association property to improve their view of the lake. Some common property was sold, and the loss of the asset to the community later regretted.

In order to provide a comprehensive and unified approach to Indian Lake common property, a common property committee was formed by the board. Progress has been slower than we would like, but the subject is on our radar.

What's the takeaway for all this? Residents should make themselves aware of their approximate property lines before embarking on any projects such as building a shed, creating a storage area, modifying a driveway, cutting down a tree, planting a shrub, building a boat dock, or serious landscaping.



Staked surveys are notoriously expensive in our neighborhood, the best alternative resource is the IndyGov map viewer at <http://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/Index.html>. This website shows high-res aerial photos where you can highlight property lines. The drawing tool lets you measure distances and areas. Any region in our neighborhood showing a zero is Indian Lake common property. Be aware, the map viewer isn't perfect, property line errors of five feet are not uncommon, but the price is right.

# Meet the Neighbor

## Meet Judy Testin

"Preservationist" is the word that comes to mind after my interview with Judy Testin. While so many people reject the customs and beliefs of the generation before them as "old fashioned" or "outdated," Judy values the traditions and heritage of her upbringing, and works to preserve them in her family and her community.

For her first job, Judy went to work as a customer service agent in the family insurance business in Richmond, Indiana. McQuiston Insurance Agency was started by her grandfather in 1920 and was operated by her father until 1980. Although Judy chose to leave the family business for other pursuits in Indianapolis, she still keeps in touch with the person who now owns the company bearing her family moniker and is planning to help celebrate its 100th year in business this October.

When Judy moved to Indianapolis at age 26, she was not attempting to flee the strong Christian belief system in which she was raised. In fact, she held tightly to her faith and followed in her father's footsteps as a bible teacher. Whereas her father enjoyed teaching adult classes, Judy has continued to share her faith and knowledge with 4 and 5 year-old children for more than 25 years. She takes joy in helping children understand the historical and cultural perspectives of biblical events. She also values the connection her teaching gives her to multiple generations in her church congregation.



It is through her involvement in her church that Judy met her husband, Bill. By the time they met, Bill had already realized his dream of owning a home on a lake, so when they got married, Judy joined him on Indian Lake where they have raised three children; Andrea (25), IU graduate, Bradford (22) Purdue graduate, and Conrad (19), a sophomore at Purdue. Judy is proud of her children's academic achievements, and credits Lawrence Township Schools for the opportunities, diversity, and variety of experiences they had in school.

# When You Need To Call



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Judy continues to be involved in volunteering and supporting Lawrence Township Schools, even though all her children have graduated.

Along with a love of learning, Judy passed along to her children her passion for music. Music was a big part of Judy's life growing up. She played piano and viola as well as sang. Each of her children has studied piano as well as other instruments, and Conrad is a part-time sound guy for various groups in Lafayette. Judy continues to share her love of music with young musicians as an accompanist in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) regional and state competitions each year.

It is Judy's appreciation for community and heritage, and her love of nature, that has made Indian Lake the ideal neighborhood to live and raise her family with her husband, Bill. She can often be seen in the neighborhood lending a helping hand to neighbors in need and assisting with neighborhood improvements, so it is fitting that an important part of her family history will be preserved as part of Indian Lake's heritage as well. When you see Judy and Bill, wish them "happy anniversary," as this September marks the 29th anniversary of Bill's marriage proposal to Judy on the original Indian Lake island.

# BLACK FROM THE Past

This front page article is from the Saturday July 12, 1930 evening edition of the Indianapolis News. It highlights the history and "outstanding institutions and nature projects" of Lawrence Township, including Indian Lake, Indian Lake Country Club, Sunnyside Sanatorium and Fort Benjamin Harrison.

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## THE INDIANAPOLIS NEWS

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 1930.

"Do It Now" is a good business slogan. If you are not a News subscriber "Do It Now!"

### FROM WILD HUNTING GROUND OF INDIANS, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP CHANGES INTO CENTER FOR HEALTH AND VACATIONISTS, ARMY HOME AND PROJECTS OF NATURE

Trail Blazers of Century Ago Open Land for One of Largest Army Posts in Country. Ft. Benjamin Harrison—Woolens Garden of Birds and Botany a Spot of Paradise for Outdoor Lovers—Boy Scout and Salvation Army Camps Offer Recreation—Sunnyside Health Resort, Ladywood School for Girls, Country Clubs Comprise Remainder of Wooded Territory.

**For Movie Camera!**  
LAWRENCE town ship once a favorite hunting ground of Indians in central Indiana, includes today the site of nearly a dozen outstanding institutions and nature projects.

Within its boundaries are found Ft. Benjamin Harrison, one of the best equipped military posts in the country; Woolens Garden of Birds and Botany; a spot of Paradise for Outdoor Lovers—Boy Scout and Salvation Army Camps Offer Recreation—Sunnyside Health Resort, Ladywood School for Girls, Country Clubs Comprise Remainder of Wooded Territory.

According to legend and history, the territory in the extreme northeast corner of Marion county, known as Lawrence township, abounded in deer and bear. Its streams were supplied with fish. The high hills provided shelter against the cold winds of winter, making this area ideal for habitation by primitive races.

The number of arrowheads still to be found in the fertile valleys open for the game of the Indians. It is thought that on the site of Indian lake there once flourished a large Indian village. Indian creek derives its name from these first Americans.

**Trading Post Closed.**  
According to one history, this locality was inhabited by a branch of the great Miami tribe, whose personal contact with the white man was first made as an old trading post, situated on White river, just north of the township corner line, and operated by William Connor. The old brick house he erected in 1820 to take the stage of the log trading station is said to be still standing.

Connor came to this part of the country in 1816, coming up White river. He was looked on as a friend by the Indians, and the location of his trading post was probably decided by the large Indian population in the vicinity. As it is only a matter of five or six miles across Lawrence township, it is likely the red men from along Indian creek traded furs with him.

According to another account, in early 1820, the Delaware and Miami tribes, with a few Potawatomi, were

encamped along Indian creek in the spring of 1820, and an Indian near by, about a mile from the site of the school, told the first settlers found them very friendly. One of the first settlers, Mr. John H. Haddock, visited him and the Indian, and expressed their affection for him in various ways.

However, about the time Hudson Sawyer and his wife were hung at the gallows for the murder of Indian, the Redskins in Lawrence township became enraged at the whites and issued wide alarm. It was not long afterward (about 1825) that the Indians departed from their hunting ground here, never to return. Indians were found on the lands adjacent to the streams are more testimony of the red men's habitation.

**Settles Come From Ohio.**  
The first settlers in Lawrence township, which, by the way, was one of the first settled in the county, came from the most part from Brown and Clermont counties in Ohio. Eliza Haddock was among the earliest arrivals, coming here from Ohio in an old wagon loaded with household goods and provisions.

When he had the logs cut, he called on the Indians to help him build his cabin. But at the appointed time for the construction, only three men showed up. Mr. Haddock, who endured all the hardships of pioneer life, lived to see the township become thoroughly settled, to see its tracts of wilderness broadened with roads, and the Indian settlement give way to a township of improved farms and well-built farm houses.

Little did those trail-blazers of the early years know that the land they were opening to future generations would some day constitute the site of one of the largest military posts in the country.

Ft. Benjamin Harrison, named after President Benjamin Harrison, was established about thirty years ago. At present it comprises 2,800 acres. Approximately 2,800 regulars and 150 officers are stationed there. The per-



SUNNYSIDE SANATORIUM, NEAR OAKLAWN



LOOKING NORTHEAST ACROSS THE PARADE GROUND AT FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON



THE NEW CLUBHOUSE AT THE INDIAN LAKE COUNTRY CLUB



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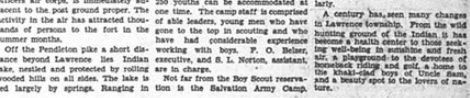
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Territory in Northeastern Marion County. According to History, Once Inhabited by Great Miami and Delaware Tribes Who Were Very Friendly to Whites—Area Abounded in Deer, Bear, Fish and High Hills Providing Shelter—Site of Fertile Indian Lake Valley Believed Old Red Men Village Described Sometime Near 1826—First White Settlers From Ohio.

Here are found sunshades, fresh air and rest for the weary mothers and ailing children, the campus of an excellent family of the city. Located in small cottages, the campus is an ideal life in the open, life as it can be found on an acre of well-kept woods, and great fields. The campus is a fine place to live, and the campus is a fine place to live.

With the sale of about one-third of the former Sunnyside Fletcher estate, near Millerville, to the Sisters of Providence, a Catholic order, the Ladywood School for Girls was established in 1870. The school was about \$50,000. The school is one of the foremost of its kind in this middle west.

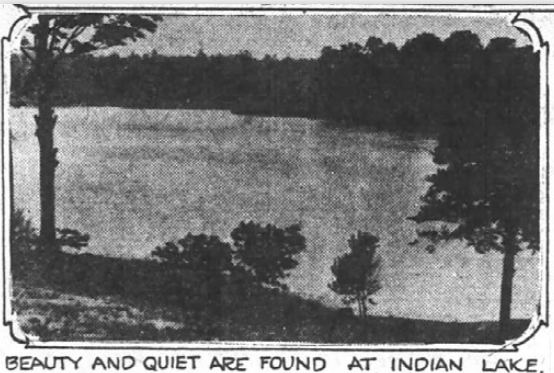
The eighteen-hole golf course at the Indian Lake Country Club is rated as one of the best in the state. Its well-kept greens and fairways stretch off toward the woods from the beautiful new clubhouse. Tennis courts are under construction. These too young for the sports find amusement in the children's equipped playground. The social activities include bridge tournaments, lawn, croquet, chess, etc.

The club, which was founded six years ago, has a membership of 150, of which George L. Clark is president. Country Club Near Freehold.

One of the newer projects of the township is the Indian Lake Country Club, which was started last year. A temporary clubhouse was constructed from an old farm building and a nine-hole golf course laid out. P. H. Smith is president of the organization, which has a membership of seventy-five. The "baby" among clubs near Indianapolis, the Indian Lake Club expects to give a good amount of itself within the next few years.

Those who prefer the saddle to the golf bag and the tennis racket find their recreation at the Arlington riding stables. These summer days, naturally enough, the equestrian side of the horse path, but in the winter, many of their time is spent on the awning ring within the stable. A large number of Indianapolis citizens ride at the Arlington stables regularly.

A century has seen many changes in Lawrence township. From the wild hunting ground of the Indians, it has become a health center to those seeking well-being in sunshine and fresh air, a playground to the dozens of neighborhood riding and golf, a home to the khaki-clad boys of Uncle Sam, and a lovely spot to the lovers of nature.



BEAUTY AND QUIET ARE FOUND AT INDIAN LAKE.

**Lake Covers 75 Acres.**  
Off the Pendleton pike a short distance beyond Lawrence lies Indian lake, nestled and protected by rolling wooded hills on all sides. The lake is fed largely by springs. Ranging in depth from a few inches to nineteen feet, it covers an area of seventy-five acres. The dam for the water is 610 feet long. A seventy-five-foot concrete spillway controls the water level and shore line of the lake, which takes its name from Indian creek. Stocked with bass, crappies and blue gills, it is particularly attractive to the fisherman.

Many cottages are being built along the lake.

# Across the Fence

By Andy Van Treese

Well I have seen some folks Across the Fence lately!

Please welcome the **Duckworth Family** - **Chris, Stacey, Conner (14), Bella (12), Greyer (8) and Brigham (2)**. They purchased the property at 6916 Winona Drive, have gutted the home and are now starting the rebuild process. They are excited to call Indian Lake home.

Welcome to **Edie Eads** and her daughter **Chloe**, new owners of 10311 Mohawk. Edie works for Roche Diagnostics and is very excited to join the community! She's hoping to acquire two kayaks in the near future.

**Andy Clifton**, and his son, **Henry** are putting some final touches on their remodeled pontoon boat such as new seats, carpeting, and steering. They will enjoy the 2nd half of the summer for sure!

**Ryan and Laura Van Treese**, son & daughter-in-law to Jeff and Kathy Van Treese have announced Laura is with child and looking forward to growing the Van Treese Family! Stay tuned.

When a friend of mine was with me at the North Beach the other evening, we noticed all the kids hanging on and around the swim platform. **Ron & Anne Gillum** were getting off their boat and heading home. The kids on the dock are **Alison Gillum, Gavin Gillum, Jackson Russell, Griffin Slocum, Kate Rosebrock and Avery Rosebrock**. Looked like everyone was having a great time!

It was fun to run into **Kyle, Jenny, Ryan, and Lindsey** along with their guests on a lazy Sunday at the North Beach. What a great weekend!

Has anyone done any home improvement projects during the lockdown earlier this Summer? Well with the help of my roommate, **Austin Judd**, we completely re-sided, painted, re-roofed, and poured a concrete pad for the Garden House in the back yard. **Tony Morgan** helped Austin and I pour the concrete pad! It really needed some attention and now looks like a new building!

Until next time, stay safe, be smart, and manage to have a little fun too!

