

# Across the Fence

by Andy Van Treese

Hello all, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer here at the lake.

**Tracy Thibodeau and Jordan Van Treese** were married on July 8th with close to 200 family and friends attending. Jordan is the third son of Dan & Joyce Van Treese. The happy couple honeymooned in beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

**Grace Morgan** just reported that she made the Color Guard Rifle Line at Marching Pride of Lawrence Township Band. She has worked very hard to reach this honor.

**Ross Walker** took a trip back to Germany to visit relatives this month. We hope he enjoyed his time away and will be back working in his successful garden.

I spoke with **Suzy McDaniel** the other day and she was getting ready to take her new granddaughter up to the Indian Lake Park for a swing and some quality play time. Franklin Beau Shoemaker was born September 18th to parents Hattie and Drew.

**Jay and Pauline White** have been blessed with two new grandchildren recently. They now have three granddaughters who are all living in the area. As you can imagine, this is keeping them busy, especially Pauline who is bouncing between the two houses to help out.

**Alison Gillum** graduated June 8th, 2023 from Lawrence North High School. She will be attending IU Bloomington. She will be going for her master’s degree and will become a Physician’s Assistant. Congratulations!

**Sean Kelley** graduated from Lawrence North and plans to attend Purdue in First Year Engineering.

Congratulations to **Conrad Testin**, son of Bill & Judy Testin, who graduated from Purdue University with a double major in Marketing/Management Information Systems. He is working for a company called Alight and living in West Lafayette.

Congratulations to **Dr. Lori Rumreich**. After many years as a business executive and currently a marketing and sales professor at Marian University, she earned her doctorate in organizational leadership in December.

Belated congratulations to **Ryan and Lindsey Free** on the December 21st arrival of their daughter, Peyton! She is almost seven months old and loves sweet potatoes, Ariel from the Little Mermaid, and playing with the pets. She is very intrigued with all things musical!

Many of you probably are already aware of Sheriff’s Deputy, **John Durm’s**, passing on July 10th. Johnny spent many years visiting Indian Lake and we have very fond memories of his laughter and kind heart. He was close friends of Jeff Van Treese, who volunteers much of his time towards the dredge, Mark York, our summer worker and Steve Jones, our spoils area sub-contractor. All four men attended Lawrence North with the class of 1980.

**Mike Medjesky**, my roommate for 6 years (2 sessions of 3 years), passed away on June 15th. Those who knew him enjoyed his sense of humor and positive attitude. His children, Jordan and Jayda, loved coming over to stay with their dad and hug on my dog, Indy. Indy is now 20½ years old and doing well! Thanks to all who sent condolences.



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# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President’s Message

by Mark Rumreich

### SPRING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Several infrastructure improvements have taken place in the Indian Lake neighborhood this spring. Special thanks to Phil Marble for coordinating these projects and keeping them on schedule and on (or under) budget.

### Spoils Area

In the Spoils area, we’ve expanded the boat/trailer storage area. We added eight feet to the length, and approximately five feet to the width. Also, the lot was uneven and had a big bump that made it hard to park trailers. The bump has been removed. The area will now accommodate up to fifteen trailers with boats. After expanding the lot, we also purchased four loads of number



4 stone and resurfaced the area. Trailers were returned to the lot when it was finished, and they were parked at an angle that ensures easy backing into the spots. We will paint lines so that boaters park accordingly. We have also designated an overflow storage area, down in the grassy area next to the dredge pipes. This area, if needed, will be sprayed to eliminate the vegetation, then surfaced with wood chips that we will get free from ASAP Tree Service.

Also, in the Spoils area, we removed all the big dirt piles including dirt that was piled on the perimeter road. After the road was cleared, we used Steve Jones, our heavy equipment contractor, to widen the perimeter road all the way back to the small holding pond.

### Indian Trail

Our worker, Mark York, did an outstanding job of clearing this common area of invasive honeysuckle, debris, dead trees, and trash. He then stacked wood and brought over



a fire-ring with the help of Jeff Van Treese. To finish this up, we plan on getting a free load of wood chips and spreading them on the trail that leads down to the lake. For this effort, we will use our summer worker Jackson Russell, Mark York, and hopefully a lot of volunteers.

### Sioux Trail

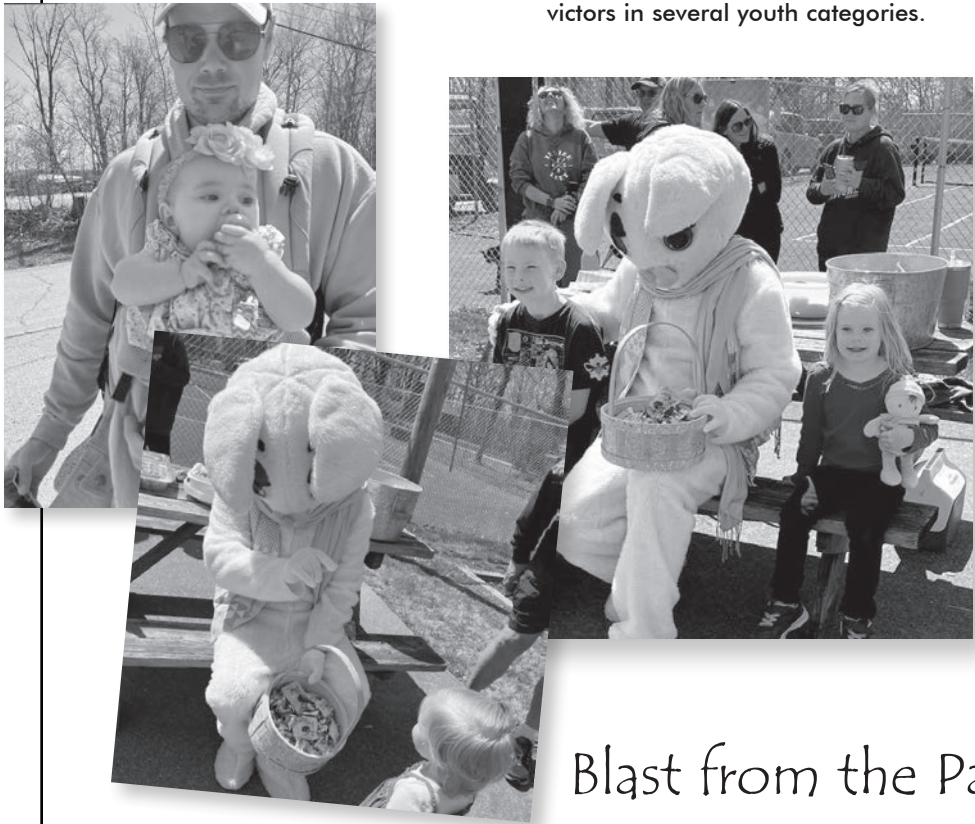


Another common area is located off Indian Lake Blvd West. Mark York cleared the area of debris and invasive honeysuckle. There is a city storm water pipe that dumps  
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Easter Egg Hunt

Indian Lake residents and their families enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Civic Committee. Prizes were awarded to victors in several youth categories.



Blast from the Past

The 1948 edition of the Official Indiana Lake Guide was published by the Division of Fish and Game of the Indiana Department of Conservation (now the Indiana Department of Natural Resources). The guide shows thirteen lakes in Marion County, including Indian Lake.

Indian Lake was listed as being 15 acres, having a gravel bottom, cottages, and boats. Species of gamefish included bass, bluegill, and crappie. The acreage of Indian Lake remained listed at 15 acres until the 1966 edition of the guide changed it to a still undersized 42 acres.

The inaugural 1938 edition of the guide provided information identical to the 1948 edition for Marion County except for the absence of Geist Reservoir, created in 1943.

Blue Water Lake near Broad Ripple may be what's now called Dawson Lake, formed in a gravel pit. Even Broad Ripple historian, Alan Hague, had never heard of it before.

NAME OF LAKE	LOCATION	Legal Location			Area in Acres	Depth		Type of Bottom	* Indicates the Available Facilities												
		Sec.	Twp.	Range		Average	Max.		Hotel	Cottages	Boats	Bathing	Camping	L. M. Bass	S. M. Bass	Rock Bass	Pike	Wall Eye	Bluegill	Crappies	Perch
MARION COUNTY																					
Blue Water Lake.....	N.E. edge of Broad Ripple, Indianapolis.....	36	17N	3E	30	4'	30'	Gravel.....													
Capitol City Lake.....	W. of Harding and S. of Raymond St., Indianapolis.....	22	15N	3E	10	20'	30'	Gravel.....													
Geist Reservoir.....	16 miles N.E. of Monument Circle.....	15, 16, 17			5E	1800	12'	33'	Mud.....												
Gray Lake, Dolly.....	South of W. Raymond St., Indianapolis.....	22	15N	3E	60	20'	35'	Gravel.....													
Indian Lake.....	1 mile N.E. of Ft. Harrison.....	32	17N	3E	15	10'	30'	Gravel.....													
Kernel Lake.....	6 miles W. of Indianapolis.....	26	16N	2E	6	4'	6'	Sand.....													
Leiter's Beach.....	3 miles N.E. of New Bethel.....	27	16N	3E	5	3'	7'	Gravel.....													
Raymond Lake, North.....	W. of Harding and N. of Raymond St., Indianapolis.....	15	15N	3E	8	20'	35'	Gravel.....													
Shannon Lake.....	1 mile W. of Glenn Valley.....	17-20	14N	2E	10	6'	8'	Mud.....													
Shore Lake.....	At Hanna and Carson Ave., Indianapolis.....	32	14N	3E	8	6'	9'	Gravel.....													
West Lake.....	2 miles W. of New Augusta.....	27	17N	2E	14	8'	20'	Gravel.....													

Fish Stocking Fun



On June 29, residents were invited to watch the fish stocking at North Beach. Approximately 3,000 three-inch to four-inch long redear were released at the boat ramp by Aquatic Controls. The fish hatchery brought the fish in big tanks in their truck, and they were dipped with a net into the lake.

The Betz family participated in the event. As a free bonus, Aquatic Controls provided some bullfrog froglets for us to release near the peninsula.



President’s Message (continued)

storm water into the common area, causing a rut and erosion into the lake. We will be calling the city to have them remedy that with either a longer pipe or rip rap.

South Beach

Floating Dock: Deatons reconfigured the dock from a tee configuration to an ell. By doing this, we eliminated the need to excavate the lake bottom between the dock and shoreline. The reconfiguration added fourteen feet of length, without having to buy any dock sections. There is now sufficient turning radius for boats to navigate the dock slips on the shore side of the ell. All slips are being numbered, as will the slips at North Beach.



Expand Grassy Area: Mark York cleared out a large amount of invasive honeysuckle and dead trees in the woods surrounding South Beach. Good native trees remain untouched. There is a bit more to take out, then we will rake remaining debris and plant grass, wildflowers, and other native plants. It will be a great place to set out some picnic tables. We are also considering moving the kayak rack to that area creating a safe landing to put the kayaks in and out of the lake.

With guidance from Mike Nix, a strip of rip rap along the entire shoreline was added to prevent erosion of the beach into the lake. Last season, we created seven or eight gravel parking spots between the basketball goal and the lake.

Finally, a cement picnic table with two benches was donated to the community by Tom Oliger. This will be moved over by the lake next to the big cottonwood tree. People will be able to sit there and watch sunsets over the lake.

Meet the Neighbor *by Kimberly Hunt*

Meet Ruth Norrington. She is a familiar face to many of us due of her tireless efforts as a member and chair of the Indian Lake Civic Committee for 20 years. From 1999 to 2019, from board meetings to bunny sittings, and from beach clean-ups to betting tables, Ruth could be seen tending to the myriad details for all the events that make our neighborhood a uniquely homey place to live.

When Ruth and Jennifer Norrington moved to Indian Lake with their toddler sons in 1999, members of the Civic Committee welcomed them and told them about several family-centered events in the community. “They were very welcoming,” Ruth remembers, and she quickly joined the group. For twenty years she continued to represent and lead the Civic Committee long past the time her boys were hunting Easter eggs or dressing up for Halloween. It was important to Ruth because she says, “the shared neighborhood activities add to the camaraderie of the community. It’s vital to keeping us a friendly neighborhood.” Ruth states that she enjoyed the social aspect of working with the other committee members, but also added, “No one stepped up to chair it, so I just stayed on!”



Ruth’s propensity to see a need and fill it was also evidenced early in her adult life when she changed majors in college. She entered Ball State University playing to her strengths (literally) as an organ music performance major. She quickly realized, however, that her ability to play everything from the Beer Barrel Polka on a double-decker Hammond to liturgical classics on a church pipe organ was not going to lead to a very promising career. With that in mind, she added a second major in social work and a minor in women’s studies to round out her undergraduate education. Later, she earned a master’s degree in social work from Indiana University, and from there she went on to fill needs through involvement in Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women.

In 1990, Ruth decided to fill a different kind of need she saw in Indianapolis by opening only the third coffee shop in downtown Indy, calling it Coffee Zon. “That’s what people always say when they start a pot of coffee, she explains. ‘Coffee’s on!’” The popularity of a coffee shop as the “great American gathering place” was just getting started and Coffee Zon was on the front edge of bringing the coffee shop culture to Indy. “We were the first to put tables out on the street,” Ruth muses. “People thought it was odd.” Ruth also incorporated her love of music with her love of coffee and community by hosting live musical performances on Friday and Saturday nights. After being in business for four years, the lease ended and the building owner decided to open a cafe in that space. By that time Ruth already had the coffee concessions contracts for the government center and three locations at Eli Lilly so she chose not to relocate and reopen the shop.

In 1987 Ruth met Jennifer at a backyard barbecue, and in 1997 they began the process of expanding their family by adopting their oldest son, Lucas. They were one of the first gay couples to adopt in the Indianapolis area and encountered many barriers to parenthood. Finally, they found an agency in Florida that helped them with an international adoption from Guatemala. In 1999, they repeated the process and brought home their youngest son, Travis.

These days the boys are grown and pursuing careers of their own, and though Ruth is still providing people with coffee and a place to gather at Barnes and Noble, she spends much of her free time and talents tending her enviable gardens of flowers and herbs. She gives credit to both her parents for her green thumb. “We had all kinds of vegetables when I was growing up, and my mom grew flowers. We were expected to work in the garden picking and freezing fruits and vegetables to last for the year.” Any neighbor who frequents Winona Drive on their way to the south beach can attest to the beautiful results of the meticulous care Ruth gives her lawn and gardens. Most nights Ruth and Jennifer can be found on their front patio enjoying the view and chatting with neighbors as they pass, still adding to the friendly feel of the neighborhood.

Identifying and Treating Invasive Plants at Indian Lake

Our great state of Indiana has become a gracious host to a large number of invasive plant species and we here at Indian Lake have not been spared. Our community has made several attempts to control these infesters in the common areas. By any measure, we are not winning this ongoing struggle. The peninsula has been cleaned up and a big effort was made a while back on Yakima Trail. Many of our other common areas are becoming overgrown with Asian bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, and multiflora rose among others.

Many residents seem to embrace honeysuckle as an effective privacy fence and of course, may do as they please on their own property. Controlling the invasives is a big part of lake conservation and the natural balance of flora and fauna. The Lake Conservation Committee will assist any interested homeowners with identifying invasives and planning to eradicate them in problem areas.

The most effective method of removing Asian bush honeysuckle is to cut it at ground level with loppers or saw and spray the stump promptly with 30% glyphosate (Roundup) or 8% Tryclopyr, (Ortho Stump Killer). This method also works for autumn olive and multiflora rose. Please contact any Lake Conservation Committee member for assistance.

Look for upcoming volunteer events to help with this important mission.

Asian Bush Honeysuckle

These upright shrubs with arching branches can grow to 15 feet tall. They have opposite leaves, white flowers in the spring, and ¼ inch red berries in summer. They stand out in the understory of forests as the first shrubs to leaf out in the spring and the last to lose their leaves in the fall. On native honeysuckles, the pith is solid, whereas non-native invasive honeysuckles have a hollow pith.



Autumn Olive

Autumn olive is a medium to large, multistemmed shrub, often reaching heights of 20 feet. The leaves, borne alternately on the stems, are generally oval, 1–3 inches long, wavy, and lack teeth. The upper surface of leaves is dark green to grayish green, while the lower surface is covered with silvery white scales. Flowers are small, light yellow, fragrant, borne in clusters along twigs, and bloom in late April and May. Fruits are small (less than ¼ inch).



Multiflora Rose

A medium-sized, thorny shrub with a spreading growth form, often forming thickets. Leaves are alternate, compound, divided into 5–11 leaflets. Each leaflet is broadly oval and toothed along the edge. Blooms May–June. Flowers are clustered, numerous, white, ¾–1½ inches across. Fruits are small, firm, red hips that may remain on the plant well into winter. Height: to 15 feet.





The Indian Lake Conservation Committee hosted a Fishing Clinic and Tournament on April 29 at North Beach. The event was open to all residents and their families and focused on kids that were 14 years of age and under. It was a great success with about 50 people attending, including 25 kids.

The day started out with long-time resident Fred Zainey holding a clinic where he taught the kids and adults various fishing tips, such as tying knots, what kind of lures to use for panfish, how to cast, the kinds of live bait to use, times of day and what locations to fish. He also put together goody bags that were filled with fishing lures and tackle. These were given out to all the kids.

We held a drawing to raffle off a fishing pole, which was won by Vito Swartz, grandson of Jill Grey.

After the clinic was completed, we had a fishing tournament. A lot of bluegills, some crappie, a few bass, and three redear were caught. These redear were stocked the last couple years and have grown to 5 ½ inches, so we were glad to see them represented.

A contest for a prize of a fully loaded tackle box was won by Nicholas Murray, who is the grandson of Matt and Kim Manka. He caught 16 fish!

We want to thank all the volunteers that made this event so successful. Andy Van Treese cooked the chicken and hot dogs, then set up the table. Linda Van Treese donated the chicken breast chunks and ranch cups, Julie Morgan made delicious baked beans with lots of onions and bacon, Joshua Feilen (Grandson of Jan Hair) donated a truckload of chips, soda pop, water and 70 hot dogs, Kate Dydo provided funding that enabled us to purchase minnows, Paul Legge helped with food setup and supervision, Ed French donated ice

for the pop and opened his property including seawall and dock for kids to fish, and Suzy McDaniel made tasty cookies. The ILIA Board contributed \$150 to help purchase the prizes and goody bags.

Indian Lake resident Bob Joseph asked if he could bring members of his Boy Scout Troop 276 so that they could complete their fishing merit badge. We enthusiastically agreed to host the scouts! We have been thinking of contacting the Boy Scouts for a while now, to see if they

The power of  
Volunteerism at  
Indian Lake is  
awesome!



## Fishing Clinic and Tournament



would be interested in doing Eagle Scout projects here at the lake.

It was a fun Spring event, and we were very excited to see all the families that brought their kids and grandkids! Look for future events this summer and watch for an email that will let you know the date of our fish stocking of 3,000 more redear this Spring, by Hoosier Aquatic.

Do you have an idea for a fun event at Indian Lake? If you do, please contact Phil Marble at 702-5715, or any ILIA Board Member and we will assist you in organizing it.