

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### WATERCRAFT STORAGE POLICY CHANGES

More homeowners are taking advantage of our wonderful lake for boating and fishing. With this increase comes a need for better coordination of off-season watercraft storage. To meet this need, we have expanded the East End storage capacity and implemented a new policy to manage the process. The new policy went into effect on July 31. The policy applies to watercraft and their associated trailers stored on Association property. It does not apply to watercraft and trailers stored on members' private property.

One goal for the changes is to make it easier to enjoy the beaches during late fall, winter, and early spring by eliminating off-season storage at north and south beaches. This change required the creation of significant additional graveled parking at the East End. As in the past, off-season watercraft storage will be made available to all members in good standing at no charge. Off-season storage is limited to one pontoon boat and its associated trailer, plus one fishing boat and its associated trailer per household. Summer storage of watercraft will continue to be available at the same cost as a boat slip. (There's no charge for summer watercraft trailer storage.)

The expanded graveled parking areas at the East End will have parking lines added and parking places assigned and numbered based on the size of the watercraft. This should make parking easier without having to worry about being blocked in or being asked to move your boat.

Another goal for the policy change was to reduce problems with improperly marked watercraft and trailers and inappropriate items such as cargo trailers, utility trailers, and campers being stored on Association property. The new process will require that members fill out a Pontoon & Fishing Boat Storage Application, which includes photos of the watercraft and trailer showing the lot number on each. Any non-approved item stored on Association property is subject to removal at the owner's expense.

The complete Watercraft Storage on Association Property policy is available at [IndianLakeHOA.com](http://IndianLakeHOA.com) on the Documents and Forms page. The application form is on the last page of the document. If you wish to store your watercraft and associated trailer on Association property, please fill out and submit your Pontoon & Fishing Boat Storage Application to Tim Watts. Please submit your form prior to storing watercraft or trailers at the East End or before August 31 if you already have a trailer there.

### PICKLEBALL OPTIONS EXPLORED FOR TENNIS COURT

The board is exploring options for adding pickleball lines to the Indian Lake tennis court. Interested residents have been contributing their ideas and preferences to the conversation. Many configurations have been considered, but the top two contenders are shown in the figures.

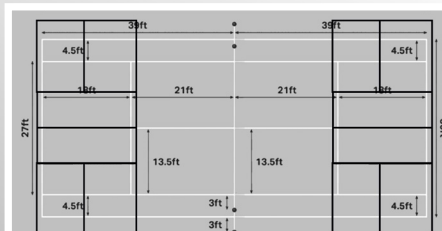
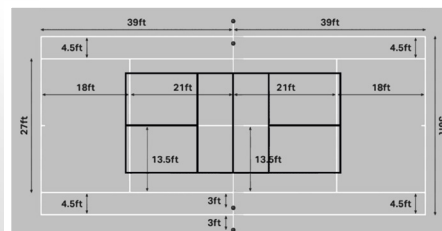
Factors that have been considered include net height differences, available distances behind the baselines, and how many PB courts

would realistically be used simultaneously. The net height for tennis is 42" at the ends and 36" at the center. For pickleball, the height is 36" at the ends and 34" at the center. The differences may seem small, but it became clear that standard tennis net height was not acceptable to pickleballers. Strapping arrangements to pull down a tennis net to PB height exist as an option for the single PB court design.

Normally, double PB courts would be arranged in the same orientation as the shared tennis court, but this didn't leave enough space behind

the baselines because of our fence. Orienting them perpendicular to the shared tennis court provided the extra needed space.

Along with exploring adding PB lines, the board is looking at crack repair, court resurfacing, and the purchase of portable PB nets.



# The Fishing's Good

*Congratulations to Kyle Hurd on the catch of his channel cat. The fish was caught on August 13th, weighed 4.8 pounds, and measured 22 inches. Caught with a live nightcrawler near the spillway.*



## When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR  
INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments – Jay White	296-3530
Beach reservations - Mark Rumreich	643-6733
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 - Kevin Hunt	716-7264

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	643-6733
Phil Marble (vp)	702-5715
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Kevin Hunt	716-7264
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*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. All Indian Lake residents are welcome to attend. Visit the Indian Lake website at [www.IndianLakeHOA.com](http://www.IndianLakeHOA.com)*

## So When Did Your Family Move to Indian Lake?

Linda and Ronald Van Treese, November, **1960**

Pat and Jack Grey, **1967**

Katherine and Joseph Zainey, August, **1968**

Sylvia and Carl Bordenkecher, June, **1974**

Fritzie and Robert Thomas, **1964**

Mary Lou and Lloyd Powers, **1957**

Liselotte and Ross Walker approx. **1968**

Barbara Jo and David Kingsbury, **1956**  
(John and Althea Kingsbury)

Mildred and Edwin French **1946**

Janet and Jeff Hair, March, **1974**

Teri and Gary Benjamin, July 30, **1976**

Lisa and Steve, **1977** (Carol and Jack Sweeney)

# Across the Fence

by Andy Van Treese

Welcome to our new neighbors on Mohawk Drive, **Theron Mattick**, **Kimberly Myles-Mattick**, and **Rory Myles**. They wanted to be closer to their parents and find a new home surrounded by nature. Theron's best friend from high school, Indian Lake resident Scott Sommerville, suggested the perfect home across the street! Theron grew up in Carmel and is an artist and musician. Kimberly grew up in Naperville, IL and is a technical writer and software developer. Son Rory is twenty and also a writer.



Congratulations to our 2024 graduates! Twins **Michael** and **Glory Mathews**, son and daughter of Eddie and Maggie, graduated from the prestigious "Indian Lake Homeschool Academy" (enrollment: 2). Michael plans to attend Vincennes this fall and Glory will be attending Asbury in Kentucky.

Congratulations to **Jenny** and **Kyle Hurd** on the birth of their son, Brody Thomas Hurd. Brody was born on July 30th, weighed 7 pounds, and measured 21 inches. Welcome to the Lake, Brody!

Congratulations to **Jackson Russell** who graduated in the top ten of his Lawrence North class and had a decorated high school career with ten varsity letters and President of the National Honor Society. To top it all off, he was a State Qualifier his senior year track season in the 4x800m relay! He will be attending Purdue University to study Engineering this August.

**Bill** and **Judy Testin** have two announcements. Daughter **Andrea** graduated in May, with a J.D. degree from Notre Dame Law School and will soon be starting her job as a staff attorney at the 8th Circuit Court in St. Louis. **Conrad**

**Testin** and **Lauren Burquest** were married on August 9th, at an outdoor ceremony near Jamestown, IN. They met at Purdue and will be living in West Lafayette until she finishes her degree there. The Testins are very happy to welcome Lauren into their family.

Lake resident **Tom Oliger** also has two announcements. His daughter **Audrey Oliger MD**, has completed her Fellowship in Neurology in Portland, Oregon and has passed the boards. She will be joining a clinic in Bend, Oregon beginning in September. Tom's son, Jake Oliger, married Kennedy Ditzhazy, graduated from the Luddy School of Informatics at IU and is now living in Columbus, Ohio. He is working as a software engineer.

Big News! **Victoria Zainey** marries **Christian Ragonesi** on May 11th. It was a beautiful day for an outdoor wedding ceremony. The weather was perfect at The Edge Golf Club in Anderson, IN. Tory and C.J. met at Indian Lake as children and have been friends ever since. Tory is daughter of Mary & Kevin Zainey and C.J. is son of Megan & A.J. Ragonesi (son of Kathy and Jeff Van Treese) Both families have long ties to Indian Lake as well as many of the wedding guests. Congratulations to the young couple!

Condolences to **Lynn Osborn** and family with the passing of **Bill Asher** on June 8th. Bill and Lynn are long-time residents of the Lake. Bill used to be known for Dog Walker Bill and could be seen walking more than a couple of dogs at one time. Bill also worked the dredge for ILIA in the early years.

**Kristine Thomas** passed away on July 14th. Kristine and Ed have lived in the area since the early 1990's and Ed grew up here. Kristine was known for being fun, loving, and always willing to pitch-in and help friends and family. Condolences to Ed and his family.

Congratulations to **Grace Morgan** for making the Rifle Line for Lawrence Band. She is a Senior at Lawrence North and is now training the underclassmen!

Welcome back to **Sarah** and **Scott Kelley** from their Italian Vacation. They visited Rome and Venice. They walked their way to restaurants and the sights and got lost in the Italian Atmosphere.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put in the dredge pipe. This is the most pipe installed in recent years and the dredge Team can get some work done in the main part of the Lake! Also to all the volunteers who worked and cleaned up the lake and beaches as well as removed trash from the water.

I enjoyed a trip out west to Northeast Utah to float/paddle down the Green River. Went with good friends, Gertrud and Wade Whitaker of Connersville. Met up with their younger friends, Andrew, Greg & Megan. We camped two nights on the River and cooked on the Smokey Joe! It was a much needed get-away after my little dog, Indy, passed away on June 19th. She was almost 22 years old! Since then, I have just adopted a 6 year old rescue blonde ten pound dog named Percy. Lara, wife of Stephen Van Treese of Louisville found him through their many contacts in the rescue community. He is fun and we are getting along nicely.

Well, that's all for now. Please let me know your stories and points of interest for the next addition of Across the Fence!



# Meet the Neighbor

by Kimberly Hunt

Have you ever walked into a home and got the feeling it is a perfect expression of the person who owns it? Susie Clase's home reflects her appreciation for craftsmanship, art, and design, as well as her love of heritage and cultures. It speaks of cherished family heirlooms and tells of global adventures. Simply put, Susie Clase's home is just as warm and inviting as she is.

It is not surprising, then, to learn that Susie is an interior designer. When she graduated from Warren Central High School and entered Indiana University, Susie thought she would study literature and go into journalism, but quickly switched to art history when she discovered that she, "didn't want to be that nosey about people's lives." One could say, "the writing was on the wall," however, when the girl who bought her first piece of antique furniture at age fifteen, and spent her free time rearranging her room, made the switch to Purdue to major in design.

While earning her bachelor's degree, Susie spent four years commuting to Lafayette two days a week, while working at L.S. Ayres Department Store in Indianapolis the other five. That job in the cash/credit office eventually led to managing the furniture department before the store closed in 2006. "I was the last one to walk out the doors on the day it closed. I didn't want to leave. I loved it that much," Susie reminisces. She continued her career at Gerdt Furniture, and when it closed in 2012, she jokingly asked, "Is it something about me?" Susie completed her career managing a team of interior designers at Ethan Allen, where she retired in 2020.

Although Susie focuses a lot of attention and care on interior spaces, it is her love of the outdoors that has kept her at Indian Lake for 43 years. Her home is situated on a rise, surrounded by trees on all sides. "It's like living in a tree house," she beams. She recalls when she and her late husband were in the market to purchase a home on the east side of Indy, and her husband's secretary was trying to describe the home they were selling.



"She said things like, 'There isn't any yard,' and 'It has a steep dirt drive,' and 'There isn't really anything around it.' I thought to myself, 'This doesn't sound very good at all,' and then I got here and thought, 'Oh yeah, I can do this.'"

Susie and her husband purchased the home on Indian Lake Blvd. S. Drive and raised their son, Jonathan, who now lives in Minnesota with his wife, Whitney. "It's different raising kids on the lake," says Susie. She understands the challenges families face raising children without big back yards or neighborhood sidewalks, but she is glad for young families moving into the community, and relishes sitting on her deck and listening to their laughter wafting through the trees.

I don't want you to get the impression that retirement has turned Susie Clase into a homebody. As much as she loves to be at home among her trees, she also loves to travel, and has a particular fondness for Europe. She has been to France and Italy several times and is currently planning a thirteen-day excursion through Germany and Austria later this year. "I think everyone should travel. There are so many wonderful things to see and experience. People are lovely everywhere we go." And she philosophizes, "I think we could all get along just fine if it weren't for governments."

When Susie is not traveling, you can find her two days a week at Abby Adams Boutique, and at many of the Indian Lake community events sponsored by the Civic Committee. Susie joined the Civic Committee for the first time after she retired from retail and didn't have to work nights and weekends anymore. "I feel like I finally know people!" she exclaims. This past February she was one of the hosts of the Love Thy Neighbor progressive dinner. At the time of the event, she had just finished a long-awaited shower remodel and was eager to show party goers her new walk-in shower. "Never before have I hosted a party in which I invited so many people to follow me into the bathroom," she laughs.

I hope all Indian Lake residents have the good fortune to share a conversation with Susie Clase. You may have to do what I did and catch her between wine tastings and concerts at "Deer Creek," but I think you'll find it's worth it.



# Blast from the Past

These photos were taken in 1936 when Indian Lake was only eight years old.

They were lent to Indian Lake resident Steve Sweeney by one of his cafe customers, Jim Reynolds. Jim's older brother was in the gang pictured sitting on the spillway.

The back of photo 9 reads: "Me on the dam at Indian Lake near Oaklandon. By Keith Perkins, June 9, 1936."

Photo 7 shows a view of what might be the French's property and North Beach. Under magnification, there are some structures visible, including what might be a home and barn.







Several community members enjoyed the inaugural Indian Lake Pickleball/Cornhole Tournament held on June 30 to kick off the July 4th weekend. Badminton and horseshoe activities were enjoyed as well. Congratulations to the Russell family who took top prizes in both competitive categories! Please mark your calendars for June 28 & 29, 2025 for the next Pickleball/Cornhole Tournament.

# Pickleball/Cornhole Tournament

