

INDIAN LAKE

# SMOKE SIGNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake,

As your new president, I look forward to working with you in the coming year to continue making Indian Lake one of the finest communities around. I want to thank the Board of Directors for their vote of confidence in electing me as your president for 1986. I only hope I can do as fine a job as Tom Lyons during the past five years.

We had a fairly good turnout at the annual meeting, January 13. Other than the annual picnic, this is the only opportunity for all of us to get together. I would like to see even more residents attend next year's meeting.

We were fortunate in having Mayor Sterrett attend our meeting and report on many community activities of interest including his efforts to push through Bill 1041 giving Lawrence decision-making authority concerning local zoning; his thinking regarding a current rezoning petition to have a mobile home park at the southwest corner of Mithoeffer and Pendleton Pike- he says he has nothing against mobile home parks but he feels, as many of us do, that we don't need any more on Pendleton Pike; he also reported current status of Lawrence' stand against the BFI landfill.

Next on the agenda were committee reports. Paul Butalla stated that the southside of the dam is completed and that 90% of the northside is done.

Red Harris and I discussed the possible sale of Association property, Park K which is a landlocked area approximately one acre in size located near the dam, and the other is a small unused area in the south beach locality. These properties would be offered at appraised value only to Association members whose lots are adjacent to the land. Rob Parker and Red Harris head up the committee to pursue this issue.

John Miller reported on possible dredging of the east end Lake Papoose to resolve the silt problem. John presented what he felt to be the most reasonable quote for dredging the area. This involves utilization of a dredging machine at an estimated cost of \$53,000. After long discussion it was the consensus of the membership present that the Board should take active and positive steps to remedy the silt problem and that a bond issue would be preferable to raising assessments. A dredging committee was appointed to look into this. Serving are: Tom Lyons, Rob Parker, Paul Butalla, Red Harris, and Joe Rohman.

Tom Lyons reported for Mike Carter that the major problem in the east end is the beavers damaging members' and Association property. The trapper hired didn't show, probably because in the past the traps were stolen. John Miller has since reported he located a trapper who has to-date trapped three beaver. This trapper points out that stealing traps is a legal violation.

John Taylor reported that 1985 had been a good year for the north beach in that use of the beach by outsiders had lessened. I next reported on the south beach which had increased use with minimal problems. I again stress that residents using south beach please lock the gate when leaving.

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Red Harris discussed the condition of the playground area. Members present requested he look into trash pickup, gravel on the end of the tennis court to prevent mud puddles, and repair of the basketball goal.

Freda Helfer, who served as President of the Indian Lake Women's Committee, reported that 1985 was a very active year and thanked members for their assistance. The Board wishes to thank the Women's Committee, too, for all of their help with the community activities, also for providing the refreshments for the annual meeting. She listed the incoming officers for 1986: Linda Parker, president; Freda Helfer, vice president; Vivian Mathews, secretary/treasurer.

Shelley Huerkamp gave a thorough update with regard to the progress of BFI's application for a landfill. Tom Lyons asked the members if they felt the Association should contribute more funds and the general feeling expressed was that individual support would be most effective. Particularly through attendance at meetings.

Joe Rohrman stated that both the north and south beaches experienced fewer problems during 1985 as a result of having security patrol.

Joe Hoone, Rob Parker and John Taylor were elected to serve as directors for three year terms. The members approved the 1986 budget as well as pursuing the sale of Association property.

The Board meeting, February 10, was held at the home of Red Harris. Officers and directors and their responsibilities are: Joe Hoone, president; Red Harris, vice president; Joe Rohrman and John Taylor- north beach; Rob Parker- south beach; John Miller and Mike Carter- east end and lake conservation, use and fish; Tom Lyons and Paul Butalla- dam; Red Harris - property maintenance.

Tom Lyons was presented a plaque for his years of excellent service. Jack Sweeney, who continues as secretary/treasurer, stated that a 10% annual delinquent fee would be charged on late lake assessments that are not paid by the June 30 deadline.

The Board extends an invitation to the Indian Lake residents to attend the monthly meetings. Feel free to call on me or any other board member with questions or problems that may come up during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Joe Hoone

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#### PROS AND CONS CONCERNING OPENING DAM GATE

Among the papers distributed at the annual meeting were copies of the "Feasibility Study for Drawing Down the Indian Lake Reservoir" conducted by Dr. T. W. West and authorized by the Board of Directors. Members interested in his conclusions concerning opening of the dam gate for flood control and silt removal should call Jack Sweeney to request copies. 823-4891.

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WE LOVE ALL THE WILDLIFE, animals and birds around Indian Lake. BUT, enough is enough! The pesky beaver has got to go. Otherwise, we'll continue to lose our trees and shorelines. So, if you see signs of the critters, do call John Miller or Mike Carter who will get in touch with the trapper. For those who might "kindheartedly" remove the traps, please remember, it's against the law!





## FROM THE PRESIDENT, INDIAN LAKE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:

The Indian Lake Women's Committee held their first 1986 meeting on Feb. 17 to plan this year's projects and events. The Committee has 14 members and, as always, we welcome more at anytime.

The Committee planned several projects to improve both community appearance and communication. Throughout the year, the Women's Committee will distribute "Indian Lake News Bulletins" when important information for lake residents arises. They will be issued promptly to allow you to act on the news. The Indian Lake Telephone Directory will be updated and reissued by Fall. Also watch for our new "Upcoming Event" signs to be hung at the community entrances. They will publicize all community gatherings and welcome new residents. Come Spring, the Committee will improve the appearance of the Indian Lake Community signs with some landscaping and repairs. Finally, at Christmas we hope to arrange to illuminate the neighborhood with candles for all to see.

As usual, the Women's Committee will sponsor several community events. On Sunday, May 1, come and see a color consultant demonstrate individual color techniques and wardrobe strategies. It will all happen at the Spring Tea and someone from the audience will be used in the demonstration. Those beach cleanup works will also be served a big hearty lunch for all their effort, courtesy of the Women's Committee. Summertime is the perfect season for the Indian Lake Ice Cream Social. The sundaes and toppings will be made just to your liking. The Indian Lake Annual Picnic will also be arranged by the Women's Committee. This year we will add to the fun with some special music and a trivia contest. The Fall event is still up in the air. Perhaps a square dance, volleyball contest, olympics day, wine and cheese party or a tasting party would be fun. Any suggestions? Call Linda Parker.

It certainly promises to be a busy year. We would like to ask some of you to be guest committee members for one project or event. That way we increase participation without the time commitment required of full committee membership. We are looking forward to hearing and seeing from you all.

Linda S. Parker



### ACROSS THE FENCE

.....By Maureen Wagner

What on earth does a person say in the middle of February. The way I usually feel at this time of year quite often resembles a bear with a sore head. My favourite winter occupation is hybrinate. The two days of Spring this past week have had a tremendous effect on my normal winter blues. However, I am not the only one have a fantastic reaction to Spring. Hugh and Johanna Jones and Anna Drake have already got some walking in on both days. Found myself singing "Oh the Sun will come out tomorrow bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow there will be sun." Just the thoughts of warm weather makes you feel good. I think this summer will indeed be a lot of fun and joy.

Many of the families whose children grew up on the lake are looking forward to introducing their grandchildren to the joy of swimming this summer. The Greys have several grandchildren to keep them busy now. The Matthews have Amanda and Timothy to enjoy, Carl and Linda Creed have Sarah Elizabeth the apple of their eye. Kelsey  
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## Over the Fence, cont'd...

Miller keeps her Grandad John Miller at the beach, for a two year old she swims like a fish. The Wagners have Amanda and Scott to add to the summer beach party, and the Kopitzkes and the Browns will be adding their five or six.

Not only will there be a lot of grandchildren this summer, all will be able to get to know many of the young couples and their children who have joined us in the last year or two. It's wonderful to meet the young families, and its also wonderful to start over again with your grandchildren.

Maureen

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SERVING AS HOSPITALITY REPRESENTATIVES for the Indian Lake Women's Committee this year are Flo Peck, south side, and Loretta Miller, north side. Give either one a call with news of weddings, illness, deaths, new residents and all such vital statistics. They and the committee carry on all of our continuing good neighbor customs.

WE WELCOME new members of the Association: Chris and Dan Felix who bought the Hon home on Shoshone, John Marcos who bought the Borough's home, Louis and Janet Irwin owners of Rob and Linda Parker's former home ( Rob & Linda built a new home on land formerly owned by Alice Thatcher), Dick and Janelle Gaither who bought a lot previously owned by Ralph Edward, Gary and Lori Schuman, new parents who bought the Delphia home.

NEW NAME for Fred Lee's dog should be Pluto, for plutocrat. Fritzie Thomas kindly brought home a doggy bag which "Pluto" found mighty tasty. Trouble was that Fritzie's twenty dollar bill somehow got mixed in the contents he gobbled down. She's not too enthused about the interest he's paying.

HERE'N ABOUT... Bud Reeves has a brand new Kroehler recliner he's offering for half-price. After he brought it home, he decided it didn't "fit" him as well as the one he has had for many years, so he's having the old one recovered. Give him a call on 823-6069... Vivian Mathews expresses thanks to all neighbors who were so helpful during Tim's second open heart surgery, and in particular, Steve Nolting and Dick Lyke... Cathy and Joe Zainey's grandson, six-year-old Marshall Zainey was second-place winner in the True Value Youth Pro-Am Bowling Tournament, eight and under division... Thanks go to Fred Lee for cutting down and disposing of the dead tree on the tennis court grounds.

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## YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PLAN TO ATTEND the LTCC's Fund Raising Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Saturday, March 8, 8a.m. to noon at JennAir Recreation Center, 10450 E. 63rd - that's west of Sunnyside on the northside of 63rd. All the pancakes you can eat for \$3, children under 6, free. Tickets: David Kingsbury, 823-6000, or at Dave's Market or at door. They'd appreciate early purchase, tho, so they know quantity of supplies needed... PLAN TO ATTEND the Hearings before the Environmental Management Board, starting March 24, 9 a.m., State Board of Health. No new depositions will be taken but your presence will have an effect. Office holders and agency representatives definitely are influenced by public turnout. This issue is of vital importance to all of us and should be recognized.

Join your neighbors! At the breakfast, the hearings and any other meetings relative to defeating the landfill. And, join the Lawrence Township Citizens Committee.

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## WE CAN FIGHT CITY HALL !

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(News of interest for the Smoke Signal? Call your editor, Jane Quirk, 823-4184.)