

# INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake,

The Smoke Signal is the primary source of communication in our Indian Lake community. Through this newsletter I will keep you informed of the highlights of the monthly Board meetings. If you, as an Indian Lake resident, have information you wish to share with our community, contact Claudia Hoone, newsletter editor. Your news, ads, editorials, etc., will appear in future issues of the Smoke Signal.

As I mentioned in the last Smoke Signal, one of the main projects that your Board has been working on is the dredging of the East End of the lake. We were attempting to start the dredging project this past October. However, we recently learned that a dredging permit is required from the Department of Natural Resources. We must receive DNR's approval prior to commencing with the work. We will be using the land adjacent to the East End of the lake for the silt disposal area. That area is in a natural flood plain. DNR requires information from us explaining how we will properly contain the silt that is pumped from the East End of the lake, and also that we will minimize damage to vegetation.

I met with John Hall, head of the Water Division of the DNR, and was told by Mr. Hall that the permit approval process will take sixty to ninety days. As you can see, the fall start-up date is being postponed until early spring. The Dredging Committee will put together the necessary permit information as soon as possible so we can alleviate this silt problem by next spring.

While I'm on the subject of the lake, let me remind you that residents  
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may store their boats over the winter at the South Beach. Make sure the boats are removed from the water and placed on the grassy area, elevated by saw horses.

Community appearance is a concern for all of us. There has been improvement in the removal of inoperable cars and boats, but there are still several eyesores remaining. The Board asks your cooperation in cleaning up these problems. Complaints have been made to me regarding people who dispose of their leaves by dumping them into the lake. We are asking that this practice be stopped.

Within the past six weeks we have spruced up our tennis court by patching the cracks and applying a green sealant. Restriping has also been completed. Thanks go out to David Kimbell for his advice on this needed repair.

Again I want to welcome all new residents. If you need car window stickers or copies of the by-laws, contact Jack Sweeney.

The Board of Directors wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving. We will keep you informed of further Indian Lake news prior to Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Joe Hoone

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#### INDIAN LAKE SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the Indian Lake Survey have been tallied, and are being submitted to the Board for full consideration. Some of the trends and suggestions were well worth knowing, and should be used in our planning process.

Of the approximate 114 association members, 79 households, or 70% of the population, replied. If vacant lot owners are excluded, the response level goes up to 77%. All lake residents received several

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opportunities to complete the survey. Twenty-three residents failed to return a reply, and one responded with, "it really does not make any difference what we do or not do."

Our survey showed over 50% of the households have only two people at home. Nineteen percent had 4 people, and the remainder had from 1 - 7 people. The low household membership also implied few minors living on the lake. Surveys listed 54 people, or 25% of the population as minors in their households. Only 19% of the households contained retired individuals. The lake residents do have a substantial new group, with 30% of the respondents having less than 5 years on the lake, and 48% less than 10 years.

In regard to water and lake usage, 56% had their own lakefront property, and most seemed to use it regularly. Beaches were used by 72% of the respondents, with the North Beach being most popular. Almost all the beach users swam; fishing attracted 76%, boating 63%, suntanning 49%, picnicking 36%, and skating 24%. The reasons people did not use the beach included: poor cleanliness of the water, no interest, no time, no key for beach, too many rules, locked gates, happy with their own waterfront, and finally, too old, and too new.

Community events showed a strong attendance at the annual picnic, but only a fair involvement in the annual meeting. Ice cream social and beach cleanup are doing well. Of those not participating, timing and schedule conflicts were the largest problems. Some also responded that they did not remember the events. As for future events, the surveys showed highest interest in a Christmas party(34%), a fishing contest (33%), and a rowboat race (30%).

The Smoke Signal seems to be read by 100% of the respondents. The telephone directory was used by nearly everyone, but a few did not have one.

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The general comment section was informative. Full comments will be given to the Board, but here are some brief summaries:

Lake - dredge lake; remove silt; dig lake deeper; put silt at east end and then sell lots

Appearance - cut vacant lots; make docks minimum standard; remove dead trees from lake; repair mailboxes; force cleanup; emphasize trash pickup; no outdoor burning; no cars parked on street

Beach Gates - unlock gate; give more keys; extend hours; remove gates

Facilities - repair swimming platform; repair tennis court; repair dock; make swimming platform for the South Beach; shore up duck island; make volleyball court; make boat slips for non-waterfront members; cleanup shower at beach; more sand for South Beach; horseshoes in park

Safety - too many loose dogs; too many cats; too much fast traffic on dead ends; lifeguard at beach

My thanks to all who responded.

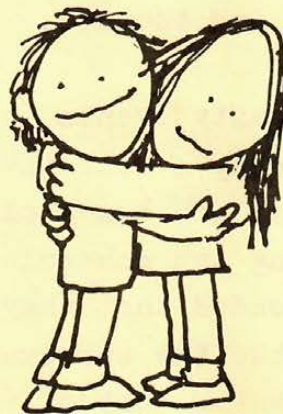
Sincerely,  
Linda Parker

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Editor's Note:

For years, Jane Quirk has performed a valuable service for the Indian Lake Community - that of Newsletter Editor. Her efforts became our main line of communication, and also served to document this community's history. Since Jane's resignation as editor, several of us have worked together to maintain the standards she established. Thank you, Jane, for all the service you have given this community, and for your genuine offer to assist in the future if needed.

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Claudia J. Hoone



## INDIAN LAKE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

The Women's Committee has attended to this year's administrative matters and held its fall community event. The Indian Lake Survey project was brought to its conclusion during October. We urged the completion of the survey by all members repeatedly, and finally got a highly respectable response. The major results are reported in this issue of the Smoke Signal.

The telephone directory was also compiled and distributed by the committee. My thanks to Jane Quirk for her help, and to all our advertisers for their participation. We are already aware of some misprints for which we do apologize. Hopefully, this issue will also be highly used. Please read the directory ads, and use them whenever possible. Call me (823-4796) if you did not receive a directory.



Indian Lake's tasting party on October 9th was truly delicious and successful. The crowd seemed fully satisfied and impressed with the variety. The dishes were attractively and tastily prepared by committee members. My thanks to Flo Peck for hosting the affair, and to all the preparers.

Our final meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 17th, will feature an open-house for new members. We definitely have room for all new members since several of our current people will be rotating off. The committee requires no special talents, nor much time. The group is informal and friendly. This community needs volunteers, so please come to the open-house. Meetings are bimonthly on Mondays.

Linda Parker

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### BABYSITTING

Would like to sit for 2 children (age 3 and up ) or before and after school children. Excellent care, good environment. Lots of extras . . . No other children but mine. Lots of toys (inside and out) Delmah Workman . . . 823-4057





## ACROSS THE FENCE

.....By Maureen Wagner

Water, Water everywhere! Our thanks again to Matt Zainey and Frank Helfer for rescuing property of home owners during the recent flood. The Taylors are all ship-shape again. Their brand new floating dock was saved before taking a dive over the spillway.

Our sympathy to Frank Knox . . . months of hard work were destroyed in two days by the flooding. It will certainly require a lot of fortitude to start over again. Frank, just forget about the tragedy for the rest of the winter. Instead, remember your wonderful vacation in Belize. Don't forget some of your neighbors would love to see your slides of the second-largest barrier reef in the world, and the tropical beaches of that little part of South America.

I'm not positive, but I think it was the Carter's pontoon that was resting against a tree. How would you get a pontoon down from a tree?

A very special thanks to Jim Stearn. Jim went fishing in Northern Michigan, and Bob and I have really enjoyed helping him eat the salmon.

Cold weather is approaching, and if you're thinking of Florida, don't forget Lois Armstrong. Lois is truly hoping to see friends from Indian Lake. She left me strict instructions about putting an invitation and her new address into the newsletter, so here it is.

Lois Armstrong  
3929 Journey Court  
Casselberry, Fl 32707  
(near Orlando)

If you should need to get in touch with Lois within the next month, she can be reached through her son, Wally, at (305) 647-7234.

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Watch for "Tasting Party" recipes in the December issue of the Smoke Signal. Women's committee members, please drop your recipes off in my mailbox at your convenience.

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