

# INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

April 1979

Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake:

Winter is now behind us and summer is just around the corner. A summer that should see a great improvement in the water quality of our Lake.

We are now within a month, hopefully, of closing the gate and refilling our Lake. Right now it looks like the lake will be filled the middle of May. (Plan on getting your deck repairs done by May 13th.)

Our great concern in signing the sewer easement was whether the lake portion of the sewer would be complete by this summer. It is now complete and that concern is behind us.

The only thing that can hold up the filling of the lake is the completion of the silt trap at the east end of the lake. It is presently 50% complete and awaiting a dry spell to bring in drag line. There should be less than a week's worth of work once the drag line is in place. Cross your fingers.

There are many lake projects complete. The three islands have been constructed in Papoose Lake. The 9 channel catfish breeders are in place by the main channel. All of the fish specified have been ordered by the City of Lawrence for delivery by June 15, 1979. The two large fish attractors have been completed.

The latter fish attractors must be the greatest example of a community involvement in the history of Indian Lake. During one Saturday, 1500 tires were drilled, moved to location, secured by 1800 ft. of nylon rope and held down by hundreds of metal stakes. A sincere thanks goes to the 25 or so volunteers who worked and sweated to make the project go. A special thanks must go to Bob Nicholas who so thoroughly planned the project that an anticipated four days work was done in one. We cannot forget Joe Janish of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources who worked harder than anyone to get the attractors completed and he's not even a resident. Also hats off to the women's committee who provided an excellent lunch for the weary workers.

Several other projects are in various stages of completion. Your board has contracted for two weeks of bulldozer time to remove silt in the south east quarter of the Lake and to "dress" the South Beach. Weather permitting this should be complete by May 1st.

Paul Butalia and his dam crew have thoroughly inspected the gate and are now satisfied with the soundness of the mechanism. Some paint and some minor repairs and it should be ready to go.

Tom Lyons has thousands of trees arriving May 1st to be planted in the east end, especially where the sewer construction has torn up the ground. The construction trailers will be removed by that date and the dirt pile feathered out to a natural slope. The road along the north side of Papoose Lake will be reopened.

We are going to put a nice sized weeping willow on our island to replace the one razed this winter.

In board happenings -- Northeast Security was approved for another year of patrols.

A record crowd of guests came to our March meeting held at the Justice Indian Lake home. All the guests were teenagers and young adults concerned about the North Beach. An honest dialogue ensued with the outcome being the young people were given the responsibility of making sure the beach was used in a proper manner.

This is another example of your Association being helped by ideas from non-board members. We board members do not have a monopoly on good ideas -- come to the next meeting and express your thoughts.



Tom Crouch  
President

# 'LAKE HAPPENINGS'



## TASTING PARTY

A Tasting Party is being planned by the Women's Committee for May 1st and will be held at the home of Joe and Kathryn Zainey from 7 to 9 p.m. The latest tally shows some 30 dishes are being prepared by ladies around the lake, and if you find any of the specialties to your liking, individual recipes will be available that evening. The men are invited to sample their "tasting" abilities and an evening of fun and good food is planned with neighbors and friends.

If you haven't already done so, phone one of the ladies on the Committee to purchase a \$2.50 ticket and make plans to attend this year's spring social next Tuesday evening.

## Indian Lake Hospitality

What's that? It's a sincere attempt to remember our friends during illness, births or deaths with a card or flowers, or to welcome new neighbors to our area either by phone call or a visit.

Shelly Huerkamp, 823-6493, has graciously undertaken this task and would appreciate hearing from you about the happenings on your street.

## Tennis Tournament

The Fourth Annual Tennis Tournament will be held June 15, 16 & 17. Make plans to participate in this weekend of competition and fun.

## Beach Clean-up

The annual "clean-up" party is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, with work to begin at 9:00 a.m. Bring your own tools and it is a good idea to mark them with identification since rakes and shovels have a way of getting passed around.

Hot dogs and drinks will be served at noon and all residents who use the beach are encouraged to do their share.

## HOT-LINE

For Sale trundle bed. Wood is white with gold trim. Like new. \$100. Sue Koehring, 823-6068, 10307 Indian Lake Blvd. N. Dr.

1976 18 foot, Wilderness trailer. Fully self-contained, plus extras. A-1 condition. For more information call Glen or Carolyn Rork, 823-4875.

Next Smoke Signal will appear after June 15th...call Zelda Upton, 823-6606 with any news.

Congratulations to the Zainey family! The stork visited twice this past week. Mark and Sue had a little boy, Marshall Scott, on Apr. 17th, and Jamie and Carr had a girl, Rebecca Kathryn, on April 19th. All are doing fine. Also, good to hear that Matt is recovering well after his operation. Of course, vacation time in Florida with his parents after surgery couldn't have hurt.

# "ACROSS THE FENCE"



Hasn't the weather been absolutely perfect this past few days? Sure, there was still a nip in the air on Easter Sunday, but Monday and Tuesday after Easter could not have been more beautiful. Have you noticed how many gardens around the lake have daffodils blooming? They are truly one of the most cheering sights. No, I am not about to get into a dissertation on the weather, just reminding myself about a promise I made the Lord just over a year ago. I had been very miserable all the dreadful winter of '78, when it was pointed out how critical I was getting. At that time, I told the Lord no matter how hot it got during the summer that I would endeavor to appreciate the heat and refrain from moaning about the same. Perhaps it was keeping this promise that made last summer such a special time. I will not say that I am any fonder of the winter; though, it was much shorter this year.

When anyone mentions gardens, I immediately think of Mary and Harry Boese. How many lake residents used to take detours around Mowhawk Drive to look at the Boese's garden. Mary has grown a lot of prize winning flowers. I remember one year when the garden was a sea of Dahalias - many of them taking prizes at the State Fair. How we used to gaze over the Boese's fence just enjoying the results of the labour of love that these folks put into their garden. Mary tells me that she is not able to spend as much time in her garden, but I think we might still be peeking over the fence this summer. No matter what they grow, it will still be prize winning quality.

Catching up with other families in the Mowhawk area, I did manage to find out that several old friends are still keeping busy in one way or the other.

The Weaver family are all well and happy. Barbara keeps busy at home and with hobbies. Joe is semi-retired. For a man that worked from dawn to dusk every day that sure is hard to imagine. What is even harder to accept is how the children have grown. Kerry must have been near Kindergarten age when the family moved out to the lake. Now he is a senior at Lawrence North. Where did those years go? Why it just seems like yesterday that Becky was one of the star-pupils in the Senior Life Saving Class here on the lake. On the other hand, it would be impossible to visit with Joe and Barbara without hearing about the newest member of their family, mischievous darling of a granddaughter with a lovely name, Jessica. She is without a doubt the apple of her Grandparent's eye. We are all very happy for them and their new grandchild. As for Cindy, well she is still as fond of horses as ever. She has owned several beautiful animals over the years and now has a gorgeous palamino. Cindy has the wonderful gift of loving animals.

Only a hop, skip and jump over the fence from the Weavers is the home of John and Loretta Miller and their three sons. We have seen John occasionally during the years usually when he was busy with lake work. On occasion we see the Millers on Sunday mornings when we pass each other going in different directions headed toward our respective churches. In fact, we have not been face to face with Mark, Douglas or Brian for quite some time, and I might not be able to recognize the boys after all these years.

It was while talking about youth work with Loretta that she mentioned another young man on the lake who is very involved with young people. Youth work requires tremendous dedication of all your facilities, calling on every ounce of Spiritual emotional and physical strength. The Rev. Mitchell Stichler and his lovely wife, Chris, and little daughter, Farrah, also live on Mowhawk Drive. Mitchell is the Minister of Christian Education and Youth Work at Oaklandon Christian Church. Mitchell has promised Bob and I time on his calendar in the near future and we are looking forward to some good fellowship and getting to know this fine couple better. Chris and Farrah are presently spending a few weeks with her parents in Columbus, Ohio.

See you next month,

God willing

Maureen.

Thought for the month...

The hand that gives - gathers.