

SMOKE SIGNAL



INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Message

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Once in a Hundred Years

The Labor Day flood was one of the worst that Indian Lake has experienced. Over seven inches of rain fell in a 24 hour period and the ground was already saturated from previous rains. As a result of the flooding, we lost picnic tables over the spillway, docks were damaged and the beaches were covered in mud & debris. Most importantly, the water rose to within 18 inches of the top of the earthen dam.

As the water level approaches the top of the earthen dam, the risk of a washout goes up. And like a scratch on a piece of glass, a small weakness can cause the earthen dam to give way once it's breached. Once the water level gets within two feet of the top, the danger is high.

As bad as the flooding was, it could have been much worse. This near "hundred year flood event" was about 7 inches of rain in 24 hours. Dams are now required to be able to handle 50% of a maximum probable flooding event (MPF). A 50% MPF is worse than a hundred year flood - for us, its 13.5" of rain in a 6 hour period. Imagine twice as much water trying to go over the dam as on Labor Day. According to the DNR, our spillway is only able to handle 9% of a MPF. When our dam was built, the 50% MPF requirement didn't exist, but there is no grandfather clause, and we are still subject to this requirement. Although it's unlikely to do so, the DNR has the authority to shut us down, and they have exercised this power in the past.

Whether it's to work toward meeting the DNR requirement or to know that the risk of catastrophic dam failure is minimized, the bottom line is the same. We need to take actions to upgrade our dam and spillway capacity.

Last November, the board created the dam cumulative fund for the purposes of dam and spillway repair and improvement. This is a \$10,000 a year fund that was included in this year's budget and last June's assessments. Because it will take time for the fund to grow to the point where major improvements are possible, it was appropriate to start saving somewhat aggressively. But the board understands the financial limitations of the Association, and there is no plan to increase assessments further.

Last February, the board created the dam committee. The job of this committee is to investigate options for repair and improvement of the dam and spillway. It will also explore outside funding from federal, state and local sources. The board and the dam committee would welcome participation from all interested Association members.

MESSAGE FROM THE CIVIC COMMITTEE

The Civic Committee would like to thank **Eddie French** for attending our July meeting in preparation for the Annual Picnic. We appreciate all his efforts in working with **Kathy Van Treese**, **Becky Carter**, and all of the individuals who helped to make the Annual Picnic a success once again. We also appreciate all of the work that has been done on the French Estate to enable us to continue this tradition.

Civic Committee meetings are open to all residents of Indian Lake. We welcome and encourage attendance and participation in our group. In addition to planning and organizing the Community Social Events, we reach out to residents who are in need of support during illness or death, we raise funds, we publish the Smoke Signal and we have fun! Please come and join us! The next meeting will be at the home of **Valerie Canfield** on January 12, 2004, at 7:30 PM. Elections will be held at that meeting and we will get started working on Monte Carlo Night.

MARDI GRAS AT MONTE CARLO NIGHT!

We are happy to announce that the popular Monte Carlo Night will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Indian Lake Country Club. To add to the fun and excitement this year, we will conduct the event with a Mardi Gras theme, so get ready to attend the party and win in "Fat Tuesday" style!

This is the big fundraiser for our Civic Committee that allows us to provide the activities that we plan all through the year: The Easter Egg Hunt, Progressive Dinner, Fourth of July Celebration, Annual Picnic, and the flowers and food provided for those who are hospitalized or have died. The work involved in this fundraiser requires many volunteers and donations. We need the support of all residents to attend this event. Volunteers are needed to:

- 1) Help with selling tickets
- 2) Coordinate the play money for the games
- 3) Collect donations for the auction
- 4) Set-up the games and work the tables during the evening (50/50, Over-Under, Black Jack)

If you have items to donate for the Monte Carlo Auction, please contact Kathi Cummings at 826-0147. Contact Valerie Canfield at 826-1825, or Ruth Peters at 826-7634 to volunteer. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual Meeting, but we need volunteers to get started now in order to make this event successful.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

We welcome our new neighbors! **Eddie and Margaret Mathews** have moved into 10424 South Drive, (formerly the home of Mary King and Tom and Shanna King); **Ron and Dawn Manly** are our new residents at 10185 South Drive, (formerly Rob Harris' home); **Steve and Lisa Sweeney** have moved in at 9903 North Drive, (formerly Jack and Carol Sweeney's home); and **Kim Wells** has moved into Robert and Phyllis Wells' home at 10129 Oswego Drive.

ON THE MEND

Please keep these neighbors in your thoughts and prayers - **Elsie Hutcherson** as she recovers from colon surgery and **Hugh Jones** as he recovers from a recent stroke.

IN MEMORIAM

We fondly remember two members of our community who had lived here for many years. **Will Peck**, who passed away a few weeks ago after a brief illness, and **Marguerite Brown**, who passed away on July 5th. Please keep the families of these dear ones in your thoughts as they make their transitions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our own **Flo Peck** was recently named Lawrence Community Crime Watch Person of the Year! She was recognized both on TV and in the Lawrence Topics. Flo has led the area Crime Watch program for years and coordinates the

yearly meeting of the Crime Watch Committee. Thank you and congratulations, Flo.

THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to the many residents of the lake who have mowed the beach and park areas throughout this past season. We also applaud **Fred Lee** for working on our signs and **Jeff Van Treese** and **Kevin Augsburger** for personally donating and tractor-spreading two truckloads of sand at the North Beach. **Ed French and his workers** spent three days clearing away the plant overgrowth at the entrance to the North Beach. We also thank **everyone who helped put the dredge in the water** last spring, and **Jack Okey**, who expertly maneuvered his heavy truck for the job. We appreciate the dedication of the lake residents who work to keep improving our community.

A NEW LOOK

Have you noticed how great the restored Indian Lake Community signs look? **Fred Lee** refinished them, one at a time. After sanding to fresh wood, Fred gave each board three coats of spar varnish, and repainted the letters. He also replaced the posts with new pressure-treated lumber. Note: please save damage to Fred's tools from hidden nails by not using the signs as bulletin boards. It's OK to use the 4x4 posts for notices, just not the signs.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

It's time to sign up for the Christmas Progressive Dinner, on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003. The progression for this year is as follows:

Appetizers: 6:00-7:00 PM at Jim and Deanna Hoskins'
Dinner: 7:00-8:30 PM at Barth and Valerie Canfield's
Dessert/Coffee: 8:30-9:30 PM at Tony and Tina Oeding's

The cost is \$3 per person, which includes ham, paper goods, and beverages. You bring your favorite side dish to share and your own alcoholic beverage, if you so choose. Attendance is limited to 30 people so hurry and sign up! **Reservations and money will be accepted until Dec. 1, 2003. Contact Valerie Canfield at 826-1825.**

ILIA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 18, 2004 at 7:30 PM at Jenn Aire Park Club House on 63rd Street. This is a voting meeting. All resident homes will have a vote. Additional information and proxy voting cards will be delivered in January.

A NOTE FROM THE SMOKE SIGNAL

As everyone knows, it's been nearly 6 months since the last edition of the Smoke Signal. This issue contains some articles that would have seemed more appropriate for the summer, but hopefully our readers will save the information, particularly the Water Safety Regulations, which should be a concern every day of the year. Now, here's a preview of the next issue - look for a list of the Board of Directors and a "Who to Call" list with phone numbers for your convenience. We'll wait until after the Annual Meeting so those lists will be up-to-date. We will also print a "green thumb" article for your interest. Until then, **Happy Thanksgiving and Have a Wonderful Holiday Season, too!**

Indian Lake Improvement Association
Lake, Beach and Water Safety Regulations

amended 8/1/01

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

All lot owners and member of their families using the lake or other Association property must have an Indian Lake decal placed in the rear window of their vehicle. If all members cooperate by using decals, intruders will be obvious. **Remember: you must be a lot owner, family member of a lot owner or guest of a lot owner in order to have lake privileges.**

IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS

Lot owners are permitted to invite guests to use the lake or other Association property.

1. A maximum of two guests per lot is permitted.
2. The lot owner must accompany guests at all times.
3. Parties or picnics that consist of numerous guests must receive prior approval from the board of directors. Please plan your party far enough in advance to allow the Board to act upon your request at a regular monthly Board meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF BOATS

No watercraft shall be permitted to operate unless legally owned by a lot owner. The lot number must be prominently displayed on the side of the boat.

BOATING REGULATIONS

Boating regulations as set forth by the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources will apply. In addition, the operator of every water craft will, at all times, operate the craft in a careful and prudent manner, having due regard for the rights, safety and property of others.

1. Watercraft with motors shall not exceed ten miles per hour nor create a wake.
2. Water skiing is not permitted.
3. Watercraft operating between sundown and sunrise must display a light, which is clearly visible to other boats on the lake.
4. Watercraft must be kept in good repair.
5. Lot owners may store their watercraft in the grassy area at the North or South Beach over the winter at their own risk. Watercraft must be removed from the water during the winter.
6. Slips will be available for rental for \$75 per season at the North Beach or \$50 per season at the South Beach.
7. No jet skis/wave runners are permitted on the lake.

BEACH USE

A Beach Committee and Lake Members maintain the beaches. Please keep the beaches clean by policing the area after use by picking up cans, papers, etc., and placing refuse in the containers provided.

1. For health and safety reasons, no animals are permitted in the beach area.
2. No glass containers are allowed in the beach area.
3. Vehicles present at the beaches must have an Indian Lake decal posted in the rear window.
4. Lot owners must accompany their guest at all times.
5. No overnight camping is permitted.

NORTH AND SOUTH BEACH SCHEDULES

Beaches are closed according to the following schedule:

Friday and Saturday: Midnight - 4 AM

Sunday through Thursday: 11 PM - 4 AM

In addition, the South Beach gate is subject to being locked after 9 PM.

This schedule applies to all common Lake property including beaches, lake, dam, East End, park and easements.

SWIMMING REGULATIONS

No lifeguards are provided. All lot owners and their guests swim at their own risk. For your safety, observe all Red Cross Water Safety Rules.

Diving or swimming from the dam or levee is extremely dangerous and is **not permitted**.

What is Non-Point Source Pollution and Why do You Care?

Have you fertilized your lawn yet this year? Have you washed your car in your driveway or street? If you answered yes to either question, you may have helped pollute Indian Lake. One of the biggest problems facing our lake is caused by non-point source pollution, which can be greatly impacted by every day activities. Non-point source pollution comes from many sources instead of from one discharge point. It occurs when rain or melted snow washes over roads, parking lots or compacted soil and removes soil, oil, debris, fertilizer and pesticides. The water and pollutants from these different sources are washed into surface and ground water. The large sediment load in our lake that we dredge at significant cost to our neighborhood is from non-point sources and it's not from just upstream.

What can you do to help preserve the quality of our lake? Among individual solutions to non-point source pollution are the following:

- Wash your car on a grassy area if possible, so the ground can filter the water naturally.
- When you're done, empty your bucket of soapy water down the sink, not in the street.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash, which sends the water to a wastewater treatment plant.
- Use lawn fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and follow directions or don't use them at all. Test your soil to be sure you need fertilizer.
- Don't treat your lawn before a rainstorm. The rain washes the fertilizers and pesticides into Indian Lake. Use a mulching lawn mower and naturally fertilize your lawn by letting your grass clippings lay.
- Check your auto for fluid leaks regularly and fix them promptly.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of cleanup materials. It can be put in your trash.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze or transmission fluid onto the ground such as along fence rows or down storm sewers. The City of Lawrence will pick up your used motor fluids as part of curbside recycling which you pay for in your water and sewer bill. Simply put the used fluid in a container and label the contents. Recycling is picked up every two weeks on trash day.

If you are interested in more information about non-point source pollution, you can visit this web site: <http://www.IN.gov/idem/nonpoint/>

IMPORTANT SAFETY REGULATIONS

In addition to the Indian Lake bylaws (printed in the back of your Indian Lake Community Telephone Directory), there are also the Lake, Beach and Water Safety Regulations. Many of the issues that frequently come up around the lake are answered by these regulations, so take a minute to review them. **They are printed in the insert of this Smoke Signal so that they can be kept in the back of your phone directory, or other handy place.**

On the subject of water safety, we have recently mounted life preserver rings on the poles at North and South Beaches. Make yourself aware of their locations should you need to use them in an emergency.



Events for Our Community

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Indian Lake Country
Club Trophy Room

(first Wednesday night of each month)

CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Mon., Jan. 12, 2004

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Valerie Canfield's home

March 15, 2004 - Jane Ann Kopitzke's home

May 17, 2004 - Mary Lou Powers' home

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Date: Sun., Dec. 7, 2003

Progression beginning at Hoskins' home at 6:00 PM

ILIA ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Mon., Jan. 18, 2004

Location: Jenn Aire Park

Time: 7:30 PM

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Date: Sat., Feb. 21, 2004

Time: to be announced

Location: Indian Lake Country Club

PLEASE WATCH FOR FLYERS TO VERIFY DETAILS REGARDING
UPCOMING EVENTS