

SMOKE SIGNAL

INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dredging season is here! Welcome to Jerry Dinger, our new mechanic/operator and Fred Kopitzke, operator. And we're glad to have Bill Asher back again as an operator this summer.

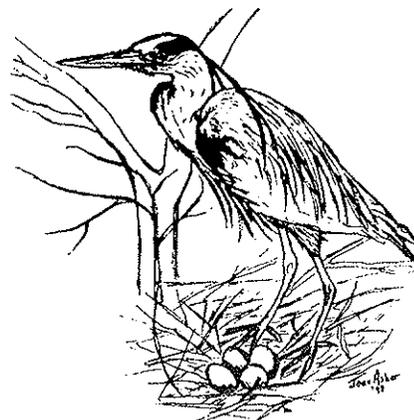
Last summer our work was limited to Papoose Lake. This summer we're moving into the main body of the lake, starting at the east end and working our way west.

Now that we're outside of Papoose, boaters need to be especially careful to avoid hitting the dredge pipe. This is a ten inch diameter black plastic pipe extending from the back of the dredge to the spoils area northeast of Papoose. Look for the light green tubular floats on the water. The dredge pipe is at the surface of the water directly beneath the floats. Do not boat over the pipe or you risk damaging your prop and the pipe!

Because dredging is expensive, the board is now actively looking for ways to reduce expenses. We're looking at refinancing our dredge loan and have a few other ideas too. We'd like to hear your ideas at the next board meeting. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7 PM, at the Indian Lake Country Club. Association members are always welcome to attend.

Welcome also to Sherry Wallace, who's volunteered to take on publishing the Smoke Signal. Contact Sherry if you have news or an article to contribute.

Mark Rumreich



IN REMEMBRANCE

By Mary Lou Powers

Freda Helfer, 7128 Shoshone Dr. died on June 18. She had open heart surgery on May 11 and complications developed from which she did not recover. Freda and Ray, with children Alicia (12) and Frank (8) moved to the lake in May, 1967. Ray died in October, 1967. All of these years, Freda has been active in lake affairs. She was on the Women's Committee, serving as president for several years and treasurer for several years. We extend sympathy to Alicia and to Frank and to her dear friends and neighbors. We shall miss her very much.

CRIME ALERT!

There are reports of a nearby neighborhood resident looking in windows, and in some cases, entering homes. He is interested in viewing children. This individual is 5' 8", white male, late twenties with long blond hair. His identity is known, but he has not been convicted of a felony and is still on the streets. He has entered homes through unlocked doors or by removing window screens and entering a child's room. He takes frequent walks in our area.

Here's what you should do to reduce the risk of this and other crime in our neighborhood:

- report any suspicious activity to the police
- keep windows & doors locked
- use security lighting
- keep bushes trimmed - tall bushes provide a great hiding place

CIVIC COMMITTEE

By Ruth Peters

I hope that all of you are having a wonderful summer enjoying the benefits of Indian Lake—a tranquil surrounding, boating, fishing, swimming and the abundance of wildlife that is outside our windows and doors. We are truly blessed to have such a setting.

I am acting as Interim President until January. This has been a difficult year for us as our President, Diane Connors, and her family moved to a new neighborhood. We will miss her after years of involvement within the Lake Community. We also lost our Treasurer, Freda, to a short illness this summer. We will miss her greatly. The Indian Lake Social Committee is the activities branch of the Lake Community and we need more participation. As you read on, you will see the activities that we have been involved with. I hope that many of you will join us for one of our upcoming meetings and consider running for one of the offices in the November election. The meetings are a lot of fun!

A big thank you to Sherry Wallace for assuming the task of the Smoke Signal. Please contact her with any tidbits of information to be included in future editions.

Please make a point of introducing yourself to any new neighbors—there are lots of them—and let them know of the upcoming activities.

This year we have participated in the Monte Carlo night, held at the Indian Lake Country Club. This was a huge success bringing in \$700 to the community activities. Thank you to all who donated your time in organizing the event and to those who donated items for the auction! We followed that up with the Easter Egg hunt, which was enjoyed by many children and their families. We even had great weather! Finally, the Committee held the Beach Clean-up, which helped to get both beaches looking very spiffy. Flowers in the flower boxes and the July 4th flags help to keep the neighborhood visually fun.

I have been researching getting a grant to acquire new picnic benches from the recycled materials program. We are also hoping to update our neighborhood signs.

The upcoming events include: The July Picnic at the French Estate—chaired by Kathy Van Treese and Cheryl Harper. We are in the planning stages for the Fall Pumpkin Cookout, the holiday dinner and other events.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to join us! The next two meetings will be:

Sept. 18 at Valerie's
Nov. 20 at Flo Peck's
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm
Please call me with any questions or to get involved!
826-7623 Thanks! Ruth



ACROSS THE FENCE
By Sherry Wallace



Welcome New Neighbors!

Andy and Christina Clifton
Malia, Ben and Emma
10436 Indian Lake South Drive
Andy and Christina are the owners of
Mazzi's Pizza. They are also
expecting a new baby, due on
Christmas Day!

Joe Ballinger and Kim Johnson
10324 Indian Lake South Drive
Joe and Kim own a lake lot on North
Drive but were lucky enough to find
an existing home on South Drive!
Their lot on the north is now for
sale.

Jay and Jessie Newton
Christian and Jayla
10345 Indian Lake North Drive
The Newtons moved to Indian Lake
from the Oaklandon area the
beginning of June.

Bob Ferguson
10520 Indian Lake South Drive
Bob works in the computer field and
also volunteers at the Humane
Society.

We also extend our warmest wishes to
the Crays, Connors and Schroeder
families as they move away from
Indian Lake. Good luck to all of
you - we will miss you very much!

Congratulations!

Joe and Kathy Zainey have celebrated
their 50th Wedding Anniversary! The
Zaineys were married June 30, 1951,
in Indianapolis. Their children
planned and hosted a reception in
honor of their 50 years together!
They have 8 children and 15
grandchildren.

Bill and Judy Testin were blessed
with a healthy baby boy, Conrad
James, on June 4th. Judy and Conrad
are doing well. Andrea and Bradford
are proud older siblings!

The 2001 Lawrence North Graduates
are Jordan Hobbs, Tabatha Harper,
Emily Taylor and Brad Bridges.

Our Community in the Press

Bright and early on the morning of
May 30, a Press Conference was held
right here in our community! It was
6:30 am, in front of Mark and Lori
Rumreich's home, when the City of
Lawrence installed the SLOW DOWN IN
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD sign. Mark and
Lori, along with Mayor Tom
Schneider, cheered with lake
residents, Sandy Joseph, Charles and
Janet Wilson and Sherry Wallace,
among others, as the sign was placed
on South Drive as a reminder to
those who would drive too fast along
our winding and hilly lane. Many
thanks to the Rumreichs and Crime
Watch Coordinator, Diana Cridge, for
working with the city to install
this first of many signs to be
placed all over Lawrence. Coverage
was provided by Fox, Channels 6, 8
and 13 and the Lawrence Topics
newspaper.

LOST AND FOUND

Two thermos bottles were found
at North Beach after the last
clean-up. Please contact Mary
Lou Powers if you left a thermos
there that day.

HISTORY OF INDIAN LAKE

PART I

By John R. Repass

The valley containing Indian Lake, the hills surrounding it, the variety of trees and plants growing around us, the forms of wildlife still present and the variety of people who have lived in the area were all shaped and influenced by a period of global warming bringing an end to the last ice age. It is still at work shaping the world.

Ice sheets more than a mile thick once covered this region. Warm air moving up from the Gulf of Mexico was the only force stopping the relentless movement of the ice, which stretched back deep into Canada. Warm fronts moving into this region during the spring, summer and fall melted the ice and snow, which accumulated during the winter on a line along 65th Street and Fall Creek Boulevard. This was the point locally where the last ice age ended. The climate became progressively warmer and the ice sheets themselves began to melt and retreat.

As the ice melted, numerous cracks and crevices in its surface began to channel the melt water away in roaring streams which eroded and cut their way deep into the soil. One of those cracks in the ice ran from east to west and eroded the channel of Indian Creek now covered by the lake.

Massive tongues of ice were cut off the front face of the main ice sheet and were left on what is now the south side of Indian Lake and Indian Creek. The melt waters of this ice flowed in grooves running from north to south. The melt water carved out the valleys which run from north to south on the south side of Indian Lake and Indian Creek.

The landscape the melted ice left behind was a wet, muddy, rocky wasteland. Only simple life forms, such as lichens and mosses, could exist on such barren ground. These still grow on the rocks and shaded areas around the lake. In time, ferns, bushes and trees established themselves in the area. The Beech trees around the lake are the climax species of that growth. Human settlement in the region had to wait until other life forms to support it became abundant.

The earliest humans to make their presence known in this area moved in from warmer southern regions. They constructed small earthen mounds for burials and larger mounds for ritualistic services and other important community activities.

Nothing was more important to these early people than the seasons. Each year they watched in fear as the sun began its annual retreat southward. The hours of daylight grew shorter, until winter was upon them. Then, in mid-winter, the sun appeared to reverse its path and the warmth of spring and summer returned. The people built a mound behind what is now Sunnyside Elementary School to mark the point where the sun reversed its path. They probably performed rituals to encourage the sun's return.

History, cont.

This mound was destroyed and used for fill dirt during the construction of Craig Middle School. The Apple family, who contracted for the earth moving, did not realize the hill they were tearing down was a mound. At some point, they noticed that the hill had been built up in layers. So little of the mound was left, they flattened it. You can observe where it was located from the Craig parking lot when the sun rises on the first day of winter.

Another mound, marking the point of sunset during the longest day of the year, was built in the Castleton area. It was on a farm and was probably used for fill dirt in the construction of the railroad track bed or some other form of expansion.

The area between those two mounds had to have been populated by a large number of people who were highly organized. Their burial mounds reveal items which could only have been acquired by trade with distant people living as far away as the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Coast and the Rocky Mountains. This indicates a complex and advanced society. There are also strong indications from similar cultures that the people used the mounds to communicate rapidly by using smoke or by flashing a polished surface during the day and by fires at night.

I think I have discovered an existing mound in the new State Park. It marks the line of sight where the sun sets on the first day of winter and it is almost entirely intact. The mound is located on the back road through the Fort leading down to the lake. It is visible from the walking trail leading out of the parking lot just where Fall Creek changes directions. You can stand on the trail and look up the road where it leaves the lake. The mound is on the left margin of the road.

The size of the mounds and the work required to build them show how important they were in observing sun rises marking each season. The valley now covered by the lake exactly marks the sun's rise on the onset of spring and fall. The Mounds people probably used a spot along our lake to observe those dates. I have found a spot on the lake where such observations were made, but by Indians - not Mounds builders. Who knows?

The Mounds culture thrived and then came to a sudden end. Their disappearance coincides with the influx of an aggressive group of Indians known as the Lenae Lenape. These Indians swept across the U.S. from west to east conquering everyone in their path. They will be the subject of the next installment.

Dredging Season opened the year with our first annual "Launching of the Pipe" event. The nine contestants (all Indian Lake residents) showed off their skills transporting numerous 200 lb. sections of the 40ft dredge pipe to North Beach, coupling them together, lashing on floats and then launching them into the lake.

After a good days work, all 1300 ft of the pipe was successfully in the water. Since the efforts of all the volunteers helps to keep our assessments down, we really appreciate their help! Stay tuned for information on our annual "Removing the Pipe" event this fall. This Spring's contestants were:

Bill Asher
Barth Canfield
Randy Cummings
Tom Eaton
Bob Karnak
Rick Nelson
Mark Rumreich
Bill Testin
Jeff Vantreese

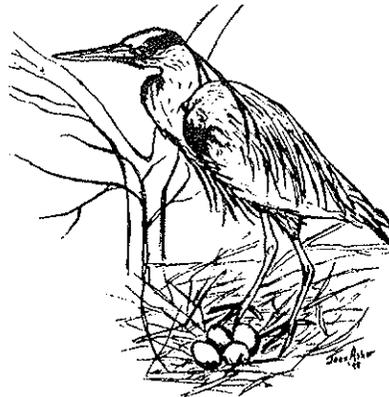
Note: Since the Dredge Administration is all done by volunteers, they need both your suggestions and your patience in working through problems. If you do have a problem, like being blocked in by the dredge pipe, contact Mark Rumreich, Jeff Vantreese or Bill Testin.

Boaters, be aware of the dredge pipe and realize that all you can see is the floats. The actual pipe is just below the surface and may extend beyond the floats. The pipe will be easily damaged by driving over it at a cost of \$400 plus shipping per section.

We want to welcome Jerry Dinger to the dredging staff. Jerry is a licensed aircraft mechanic that is performing the dredge maintenance. He will be working with Bill Asher and Fred Kopitzke, the primary dredge operators.

Do you ever have a free Saturday afternoon and like a challenge?

The Dredge Administrators are interested in pairing up an experienced Dredge Operator with lake members who are willing to spend one or two Saturday afternoons a summer helping run the dredge. Just a few hours behind the wheel will give you a much better understanding of what dredging is all about. Contact any of the Dredge Administrators if you have an interest. Have you noticed your NMPG (nautical miles per gallon) on you boat down after several sunny days? Two weeks ago on a sunny afternoon, two of the pontoon boats on the lake were dripping 50:1 at a regular rate. It appears that the sun is heating the gas in their unvented tanks, the pressure increases until the gas forces it's way by the float valve and then drips out the exhaust port. One of the boats has a vented cap, but the cap was closed to prevent water from getting into the gas when it rained. A cover was made to fit over the tank to allow the vent to be kept open without a concern for water entering the tank. If you own a boat, you might want to check the venting on your tank and watch for leaks a rainbow like pattern in the water) on the next sunny day.



Events for Our Community

BOB NICHOLAS MEMORIAL BASS TOURNAMENT

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2001

Time: 5 am - 11 am

Contact Fred at 823-3445 with questions

INDIAN LAKE ANNUAL PICNIC

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2001

Time: 2 pm - 7 pm

Location: The French Estate

Theme: Hillbilly

Contact Kathy Van Treese with questions

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Indian Lake Country
Club Trophy Room

CIVIC COMMITTEE

Date: Sept. 18, 2001

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Valerie Canfield's home

Date: Nov. 20, 2001

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Flo Peck's home